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### unions accept 7.5% By a Staff Reporter Union leaders representing 470,000 reachers in England and

Wales yesterday accepted a 7.5 per cent pay increase from

refused even to discuss an opening offer from employers Yesterday's surprise settle

ment came at the end of only the second meeting of the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body on teachers' pay.

It will give the average classroom teacher who earns 16,992 a year a weekly rise of 210.48. The lowest-paid teachers earning £4,328 a year will get a weekly rise of £6,24 and a head teather on a maximum salary of £18,249 will get £26.32 The settlement will add another £262.5m to the total salary bill of £3,500m.

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Mr. Frederick Jarvis, leader of the union side and general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said at the end of the talks, that it was the best figure that could be got by way of a negotiated agreement.

Mr. John Horrell, leader of the management side, said that the increase will tax local authority budgets.

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"They will have to gauge the mumber of teachers they em-ploy. This will push a number of authorities into being dubbed overspenders unless they em-ploy fewer teachers."

Mr Horrell said that he hoped

there would not be any redund-ancies but added: "This scrile-ment puts teacher jobs at risk and hence the size of classes and subject choice" The second largest teachers union, the National Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers opposed the

settlement. Mr Terence Cases, its general secretary, wanted the talks to go on longer in the hope of a better deal. Civil Service union leaders predicted that the teachers' settlement would have no effect on their plans to start a cam-paign of industrial action over the 7 per cent offer that they

have rejected.

Mr Peter Jones, secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, said: "What is more relevant to us are the deals done by the mineworkers and the water workers. Teachers. the water workers. Teachers, after all, are higher paid than The first mass defects.

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holding back West Indian demonstrators in central London yesterday as thousands marched in protest after the death of 13 people in a fire at a house in Deptford in January. Police on horseback sealed off the Victoria Embankment

overhead: Seventeen policemen were and 23 people were arrested as violence broke out after the demonstrators left Regent Street and entered Cavendish Square. The marchers cover-up - Police say there is no evidence that

### ICI divisions merger may mean over 1,000 extra redundancies

Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's largest manufacturing company, is to merge its petro-chemicals and plastics divisions in an attempt to halt soaring

losses.

The two businesses, which together lost 279m on a joint turnover of more than \$1,700m, will be amalgamented from April with the loss of perhaps 1,000 or more jobs and the closure of one divisional headquarters.

Last week ICI announced that it was cutting its dividend for the first time since 1938 after trading at a loss for the second half of last year. Sir Maurice Hodgson, the charman, gave a warning that the group's businesses would have to be reorganized to take account of structural changes in markets. ICI has already drastically cut output and the work force from its synthetic fibres division, which lost £86m in 1980. More than 4,000 jobs are being shed. ICI said last night that the formation of a single petrochemicals and plastics division, to be headed by Mr Tom Hutchison, at present chair-man of the plastics business, would enable the resources and

"The coordination of the company's upstream activities in oil and petrochemicals, with its downstream activities in plastics will give ICI a more efficient and powerful base."

efficient and powerful base."

At present, the petrochemicals division is based on Teesside It employs about 10,000 in the United Kingdom, nearly all of them at various sites in the Northeast Last year the division made a loss of 644m after a profit in 1979 of 644m.

The plastics division employs about 9,200 in the United Kingdom and takes 60 per cent of about 3,000 in the part cent of its raw material from the petro-chemicals' division. The head-quarters and research and development facilities are at

development facilities are at Welwyn Herrifordshire, but production is scattered among a number of plants, in the Northeast, Northwest, and Scotland. ICI said it was too early to say how many jobs would be lost. The company expects to shed some 6,000 jobs throughout its entire operations this year. There will now be only one

charman or the petrochemicals division is to move to London where he will undertake a special assignment to investigate group energy and feedstock

group energy and recessors, strategy.

There has been no decision yet on which headquarters to close. The Teesside offices are newer and closer to production facilities, but the Welwyn sitches research and pilot plant, facilities. facilities.

Together the two divisions employ about 13,000 blue coller workers and 7,000 monthly paid white-collar workers. It may be among the latter where dupli cated skills and services are thought to exist that most of the ich cuts will come. --ICI said its statement was

very early announcement of intent" and promised extensive consultations with employees Both of the affected divisions have been badly hir by a com-bination of adverse factors which resulted in ICPs pre-tal profits slumping from 5613m to £284m. They include depressed markets, rising energy and feed-stock costs, and the strength of sterling. Fisons joses £16m, page 15

### Mrs Thatcher defends deployment force as vital Soviet deterrent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's statement to the Commons yesterday on her talks in Wash ingrom with President Reagan indicated the deep concern of the Eritish Government about the hatility groused in the Middle East over the Anglo-American proposal for a Western raild deployment force and the suggestion that it could be used to protect the vital Guif region.

vital Gulf region.
With the Prime Minister making her first visit to the Gulf states next month, some clarification; was required to imperial powers were preparing ence spain to ride tempt
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### How much would you pay to give a lost little girl a start in life?

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Susie's tragic story is typical -Little philores like her defenceless, Desildered products of our confused acciety are the ones most making a mess of their own lives, and their own children's lives in turn....

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today to the Nicholas Lowe, Appeals Director, Floom 945.

### Water workers still divided on pay offer

Water and sewerage workers appeared divided last night about their 13 per cent pay offer. Union delegates representing about 2,000 workers in the north east of England voted to reject it, while there was a drift back to work in parts of Yorkshire as unofficial action

Employers in parts of west Wales have rejected the offer and it was understood that Leading article, page 12 age 13 some large treatment plants in the London area had also refused to accept the strong recommendation from national union officials for acceptance. A meering of senior shop

stewards representing more than 1,000 water workers in north-east London called last night for rejection of the offer and for national industrial serion -from March 16. Mr Stanley Florence, chairman of the stewards committee, said later: "We had a hard job this evening to restrain some of the members from coming out on unofficial action straight 2W27 "

A delegate conference of the General and Municipal Workers' Union (GMWU) in Newcastle upon Tyne voted by a large majority to reject the

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offer, but shop stewards urged the 200 men on strike to return to work to await a national

decision.

The effects of the men's action was being felt as the North-east suffered its worst floods for 20 years. About 200 homes in the region were without water, and in Newcestle the company of the page 1 the flooding from a upon Tyne flooding from a burst main led to 1,800 children being sent home from school. The vote in west Wales was taken by members of both the GMWU and the National Union of Public Employees, who de-cided to continue their over-time ban while at the same providing emergency

National union officials have said that a vote for rejection is a vote for a national strike by all the 32,000 workers in Eng-land and Wales. The officials-were making strengths afforts to persuade members to accept the offer.

the offer.
Pennine vote: A meeting of 100 water workers from the Permine district of the North West Water Authority voted to continue unofficial action (John Chartres writes from Manchester). The decision means that between 250 and 300 workers in the Oldham, Rochdale; Ashronunder-Lyne and Bury areas will under-Lyne and Bury areas will remain on strike.

### President Ciscurt to stand for new term

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late as possible without prejudicing his changes.

In his 10 minute statement, televised from the Elysee Palace, he stressed that he cause all the indications show no other candidate can win egainst the opposition.

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Reverting to the theme dear will make itself heard, and restated by hisself in an interview on Saturday, that the choice before the country was between him and disorder, the opposition remained what it had always been since 1958 with the same leaders determined to destroy the Fifth Republic. They would be compelled either to govern with the communists or to betray their voters after. to govern with the communists, or to betray their voters after benefiting from their votes. "Each one of you can understand, by a simple process of reasoning, that he would be driven in spite of himself, towards a society he does not want, and toward economic and

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Letters: On Civil Service loyalties, from
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Football: Warning should racing on the terraces; Burley of Instrict, dut for six months; Cricket: England practise white politicians thecars forage of tour; Rugby Urion: Welsh team to meet France; John Player Cup quarter-final round draw; Rowsing: Cambridge, Bost. Race Crew tanounced; Rugby League: University match may be played at Fafficial Business News, pages 15-25.

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Cairo, March 2 Lieurenant Jeneral Ahmed Bedawi, the Social Dentocrats

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John Russell Taylor on the Schinkel
hicentenary and other schows in Berlin;
Sharidan Mortey interviews Maris
McManus, who opens in The Cracible at
the Comedy tomorrow

Frances, pages 3, 12

The importance of democracy in the Gulf
by Richard Owen; Bernard Levin on press
freedom; Alan Jamisan's London Diary General Anned Bedawn, the Egyptian Defence Minister, and 13 other military commanders died today in a helicopter crash at the Siwn oasis in Egypt's Western Desert, President Sadat announced.

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A statement issued by the President's office said the helicity of the helicity of the helicity of the helicity of the property of the state of the state of the state of the officers. other ourcers.
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the minister's private secretary survived the crash but nine major-generals, a brigadier. general and three colonels were killed.

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Among the dead were Major General Ali Fayek Sabbour, commander of the Western Military Zone (the Egyptian-Libyan border region), chief of staff of the same zone Major General Calal Serri, commander of the Engineering form. Major General Ahmed fend, Commander of the Signal Major General Ahmed fend, Commander of the Signal Major General Ahmed fend, Major General Atmes Major Gen

probably the worst blow to his Agyption High Command for more than 20 years-UPL

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#### Spanish footballer feared kidnapped

It is feared that Joaquin Castro, the popular Spatish footballer nicknamed "Quini", may have been kidnapped. The Barcelona player disappeared from the city on Sanday, but no ransom demands have yet been received. A nuclear engineer was recently murdered by Basque terrorists and a prominent industriplist is still missing Page 3.

#### New defence 'eye

A contract for a system that will greatly improve the betterion of lovefring aircraft has been won by British Aerospace Dynamic. Known as infrared surveillance, it would partly replace radar, the basis of air defences since the Second World War.

Jobs to go: British Airways, facing-heavy losses, has told unions it wants to lose about 1.100 engineering and maintenance staff

Athens: Earthquake speeds up plans for large-scale repairs at Parthenon 5 Falklands: Argentina offers special status to islanders 6

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Stock Markers: Budget account made a nervous start with heavy selling of leading industrials. Gits encountered a few sellers following last week's new sep: and falls of 11 were seen. The PT Index full 52 to 301.4

Business features: Margaret Scone examines the Chancellor's design for charging lax on redundancy sugments: Pere Walis arigh; on 2 not so althous riew of Industry in the stock mades. 14 Obituary
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### Labour national executive the main cause of confusion in party, Mr Shore says

The Labour Party had to wage a campaign upt only against deserters and defectors but against "the whole madeap assault upon the tradition and constitution of the party itself."
Mr Peter Shore, the shadow
Chancellor, said yesterday.
The social democratic party

would not succeed in reshaping British politics, but would be a party formed by people who were until recently members of

the Labour Party. "Unless we are very careful, the effect of this intervention will be to confuse Labour voters to weaken the Labour Party and to strengthen the Conservatives under whose appalling government the whole nation is suffering today.

sation is suffering today."

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the new Association of Labour Council Groups in London, Mr Shore concentrated on a criticism of the party's national executive committee. meeting of the new Association above all its ruling body, the chise for electing local leaders, in NEC."

I Labour Council Groups in NEC."

To insist now on the leader and deputy leader of the exclusive and continuing dominational executive committee.

The party faced attack not elected representatives, to take just by some individual memaray or greatly reduce the representation of Metropolitan.

bers whose faith in democratic right of elected polices to and parliamentary socialism was choose their leading and to virtually non-existent, but "by demand exclusive introl not the Parliamentary Solidarity group said that in the past year the NEC had played the leading role in destabilizing and con-

fusing the party. "They have sought and sub-stantially succeeded in tearing up a substantial part of the party's constitution and in tilting the carefully balanced distribution of power between the party's elected representatives and the party machine in favour of the latter; in favour, that is to say of the local general management commit-tees, the annual conference, and

virtually non-existent, but "by demand exclusive attention not the leadership and encourage only over the manifesto but ment that they have been given, also over its implementation wittingly or unwittingly, by the was a recipe for electoral present majority on the NEC". failure, "for total disaster if Mr. Shore, joint chairman of and when office is obtained and the Parliamentary Solidarity group, said that in the past year the NEC had alread at least the party itself".

Those who were elected to positions of power in the party had responsibility only to the party, while elected representatives had a dual responsibility both to the party and to the electorate.
Councils had to face difficult

decisions, and those who had not the responsibility of making them and who were not account-able to the electorate could not have the power of making deci-Proposals for a wider fran-

Authorities, complained that the NEC had failed to support local government during the last difficult months.

Supported by the leaders of the Labour groups on the Association of County Councils and the Association of District Councils, Mr Smart argued that local government, which was on the front line of the buttle against the Conservative Covernment, should have representation on the NEC. They should not be directed to by people with no experience of local government.

local government.

Suggestions have been made to the NEC that standing orders should be changed to give local parties greater country over their Labour council groups. A review of standing orders it under way, and Labour Party organizations, including council groups, have until March 31 to reply.

reply.

The new association has received the support of more than 100 Labour groups, and intends to hold a national colin ference later in the year.



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Dr Owen warns parties against unfair tactics

Our attitude is not to provoke, but they may have to accommodate themselves to some rather awkward procedural problems." awkward procedural problems."
That warning by the fledgling parliamentary committee of the Council for Social Democracy to the big parties in Parliament that bullying and possible denial of privileges and opportunities could be counterproductive was given yesterday by Dr David Owen at a launching press conference.

ng press conference. He did not spell it out, but the point was made that there could be some filibustering and all-night sessions if the social democrats were pressed too

Dr Owen, the chairman, flanked by Mr William Rodgers, the organization chief, and Mr John Roper, the whip of what is clearly the steering committee of the party-in-formation, was in no mood to apologize. from the top, he added. It was possible. Dr Owen spoke of the did not have to regret of vital importance to build a approaches from all over the taking so long to leave the genuine democratic party in country and of extraordinar Labour Party, nor for the compolicy decision-making as with responses at student meetings.

The social democrats would not sit as a group in the Com-mons, nor was it yet clear they would name specific spokesmen.
The overall responsibility was
divided as noted, with Mrs Williams responsible for communications and Mr Jenkins for

Did his speech about an in-comes body represent policy? Well, no. "We want 1,000 flowers to bloom here", Mr Rodgers said.
The last thing they wanted

was policy-making imposed from the top, he added. It was

ing interregnum before setting up the new party.

He wanted his audience of newspeper sceptics to agree that they were all in the presence of "something strange, something different, something unique happening in British politics"—this "immense feelings" of millions of people in the country at large ionging to vote them into government.

The social democrats would not sit as a group in the Commons age age in yet clear they democrats, he said had been constant in our affections. consistent in our opinions". Dr Owen did not dwell long on arrangements with Liberals. The social democrats would seek to maximise agreements, not look for disagreements. Liberals and social democrats would keep their identities but the alliance was what mattered.

They intended to develop their new party nationally, in-cluding Northern Ireland, if possible. Dr Owen spoke of approaches from all over the country and of extraordinary

Meanwhile, the resignation of Mr Tom Bradley, MP for Leicester, East, from the Labour Party means that Mr Bernard Dix, left-wing assistant general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, gains a place on the party's national executive committee.

He was runner-up to Mr. Bradley in the trade unions division of the NEC election at the party conference in Black pool last October.

MPs criticized: Four Labour left-wing Tribune Group MPs, Mr Arthur Davidson, Mr Frank Field, Mr Martin O'Neil and Field, Mr Martin O'Neil and Mr Joe Ashton, were criricized by some of their colleagues last night for joining the recently formed "Solidarity Campaign" launched by more than 100 Labour MPs.

Mr Ian Mikardo, the Tribune Group chairman, said the group's general view was that the campaign was a right-wing organization.

#### 'Unity or war' choice for Liberals

By a Staff Reporter A warning to Liberals that they must either join with social democratic rebels from the Labour Party or fight them in elections came yesterday from Mr Roger Pincham, Liberal

dates and one leader, it was unthinkable that up to 200 Liberal associations would be willing or should be allowed to stand aside for another party's

candidates.

Writing in Liberal Clarion, the publication of the Gladstone Chob, he said such a sacrifice could not be contemplated. It would lead to a widespread reduction in the Liberal vote and the destruction of local organizations which had taken years to establish

both.

If a political realignment was not to be stillborn, the Liberal

Referring to the recent conference between delegations seen, the issues discussed had seen from the European Parliament and from African Caribbean, and Pacific countries in Freetown, he said that the Community's Third World partners were unbelievably hurt by the way the issues had been trivialized in Britain. He put the blame on Mrs Caste's "posturings".

That was a reference to Mrs gates, trivialized the issues,

of European Parliament expense and domestic party

By George Clark

Political Correspondent

Mrs. Barbara Castle, the There has been much criticism problems unarrance of parliament's cheeseparling. By George Clark

Political Correspondent

Mrs. Barbara Castle, the former Labour Cabinet minister, now member for Greater Manchester, North, in the European Parliament, was "the single most damaging export, the United Kingdom has on its hands today", Mr Adam Fergusson said that the Sisson, MEP for West Strathclyde, told the Tory Reform Group at Cambridge University yesterday.

Referring to the recent conference between delegations from the European Parliament and from African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries, in Freetown, he said that the Community's Third World partners with the constitution of the European Parliament and from African Caribbean, "Due to her behaviour, the citerature of the massive European delegations should not have unduly high expenses the attention from the European ministering to the recent conference between delegations from the European Parliament and from African Caribbean, "Due to her behaviour, the said that the Community's Third World partners and the third partners of parliament and from African Caribbean, "Due to her behaviour, the citerature of the public."

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Because of Mrs Castle, however, the issues discussed had not been publicized in Britain.

Due to her behaviour, the Sierra Leone meeting has just been a palm-fringed tropical extravaganta with which to divert or shock the public.

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### Social democrats state their aims and say millions support them

issued yesterday by Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr Roy Jenkins, Mr William Rodgers and Dr David

The Council for Social Democracy was established on Sunday, January 25, 1981, with the intention of rallying all those who are committed to the values, principles and policies of social democracy. The Limehouse Declaration said that the need for a realignment of British politics must be faced. It is now clear that this view is shared by millions of people throughout Britain. We have received over 25,000 messages of support which express an overwhelming desire to be given the opportunity to rote at the next election for social democrats.

Many of those who have written have been active supporters of The Council for Social Democracy have been active supporters of the Labour Party who are now disenchanted with it; some-voted Conservative in the Tast election and are now disillusioned with Mrs Thatcher's policies; others have never been involved with any policical party but see a new hope and inspiration in the Council for Social Democracy. We plan to establish before Easter a new polifical party. This intention is clearly incompatible with our continuing membership of the Labour Party. We have therefore all now ceased to be members.

said in another statement : Following discussions in our respective constituencies, we have decided to sit in Parliament as social democrats. We have ceased to be members of the Labour Party and have resigned the Parliamentary Labour Party Whip. We will be sembers of the Parliamentary? Committee of the Council for Social Democracy and will work with others to develop a social democratic manifesto.

The MPs are Mr Tom Bradley, Leicester, East; Mr John: Cartwright, Greenwich, Woolwich, East; Mr Richard Crawshaw, Liverpool, Toxteth; Mr Tom Ellis, Wresham; Mr John Horam, Gateshead, West; Mr Robert Maclennan, Caithness and Sutherland; Dr David Owen, Plymouth; Devonport; Mr William Rodgers, Teesside, Stockton; Mr John Roper, Farnworth : Mr Neville Sandelson. Hillingdon, Hayes and Harlington; Mr\_Mike\_Thomas, Newcastle upon Tyne, East; Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, Teesside,

Thornaby.
The following letter was sent by nine former Labour the following letter was try; Lord Diamond, Lord ith our continuing membership sent by nine former Labour Donaldson of Kingsbridge; Lord for Labour Party. We have peers to Mr Foot yesterday: Barris of Greenwich; Lord rerefore all now ceased to be we, the undersigned members of Kennet; Lord Walston; Lord the Parliamentary Labour Party, Winterbottom and Lord Young bave today resigned the Labour of Darriagton.

This step has not been taken lightly but with great sorrow. You will recall that some of us were among the signatories to the letter sent to you before the Wembley conference in which we expressed dismay at the direction in which the party has been moving. The commitments at the October conference last year and then later at Wembler, are not positive we tan possing apport.

We feel that the party com-mitment to unilateral shiclear disarmament is detrimental to our national defence. Whilst there are, and may continue to be problems within the EEC, to leave it now would be disastrous. We cannot belong to a party which leaves the choice of a funrs Prime Minister of this country to an electoral college outside of Parliament. We believe that the election of the Leader of the Labour Party in the House of Commons. the House of Commons—a potential Prime Minister—must remain solely in the hands of the members of the Labour Party in the House of Commons. The peers are: Lord Aylestone; Lady Burton of Coventry; Lord Diamond, Lord

He said that without an alliance offering a common platform a common role of caudings of c candidates.

years to established offered four main choices, with Liberals and social democrats competing, the result would be disastrous for

Party and the social democrats had to accept a common destiny and fose their resources and organization.

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By Our Local Government average thirteenth in terms of problem indicators among the problem indicators among the 32 London beroughs and thirty-eighth in England.

Mr Henney says that Camden employs 40.4 workers per 1,000 population, compared with 30.4 in Islington, 28.4 in Westmington, 28.4 in Westming

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ing adviser to the Department of the Environment, shows that spending, per head in Camden was £491 this year, compared with £244 in the comparable borough of Westminster.

The report says that although there were some disadvantaged areas, Camden could not be considered a deprived inner borough. It has fewer housing borough. It has fewer housing and-social problems than many other borpughs and provincial cities. Camden generally ranks

accounted for only 24 per cent.

Tudecases in expenditure
are thus relatively imperceptible to the electorate as compared with the national average.

situation, where domestic rate-payers pay for half of increases in councils spending.

Mr. Henney says that therewas clear evidence of gross waste in such departments as planning and libraries, and in social services such as housing.

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#### Four convicted of attack on cinema queue

Four youths were convicted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of riotous assembly in Woolwich High Street, London, last March when a crowd of about 100 "skinheads" attacked a cinema queue of coloured people in revenge for the earlier stabbing of a white youth. Sentence was deferred for social reports. for social reports.
Miss Ann Curnow, for the prosecution, said that the group

had marched down the street in military formation, with fists raised shouting. "Sieg Heil", and carrying iron bars, knives and other weapons. What then took place was a tace riot, she

The four are: Mark Giles, aged 18, of Dunblane Road, of Prospect Place, Belvedere; Gary Fuller, aged 19, of Fox Croft Road, Woolwich, and Anthony Skudder, aged 17, of Dupree Road, Charlton, All had

### Violence as West Indians march in fire protest

By Richard Ford Seventeen policemen were injured and 23 people arrested yesterday when violence erupted during a protest march erupted during a protest march through central London by thousands of West Indians.

None of the policemen was seriously injured but six were detained in hospital suffering from head injuries. Motorists faced long delays as traffic jams built up throughout the afternoss. Peakhour craffic afternoon. Peak-hour traffic was brought to a standstill in many parts of the West End and the City as the demonstrators marched to Hyde Park. Bus services were seriously disrupted.

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Many roads were closed as blacks, protesting over the police handling of an investigation into a fire at Deptford, south London in which 13 people died, walked nine miles from New Cross to Speakers' Corner.

Outside the house in New Cross, where the blaze began at an all-night party six weeks

between three and four thousand people took part in the march which took the demonstrators through some of demonstrators through some of London's busiest roads includings Fleet Street, High Holborn, Regent Street and Wigmore Street. But the organizers, the New Cross Massacre Action Committee, said there were more than six thousand people in the demonstration. more than six thousand people in the demonstration.

Police, some on horseback and others with riot shields, escorted the marchers into central London but the peaceful atmosphere turned to violence at Blackfriars where a group of youths at the front of the procession broke away and began hurling bricks and began hurling bricks and missiles at police. Three officers were injured when the windows

remembrance as the protest began with the marchers holding banners declaring: "New Cross mass murder—police cover-up", "13 reasons for self-defence" and "British leaders incite racism".

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Trouble started again at the junction of Regent Street and Cavendish Square where police artested a young West Indian. The police needed reinforcements on horseback to control the surging demonstrators, However when the demonstrators reached Hyde Park their spirits were dampened by torrential rain as they listened to speakers who addressed them from a lorry. One leader said: om a lorry. One leader said; I admit there were some black kids causing trouble but the police did not need to use their ponce the nor need to use their horses. Women and children were frightened and trampled. Policemen were also injured, but we do not condone it. It should never have happened."

Mr Kenneth Williams, a member of the New Cross Massacre Action Committee, said the march had been peace-

ones".

His view was probably shared by thousands of exasperated home bound commuters.

After the demonstration Mr John Radley, deputy assistant commissioner, said: "The three for the probable with the commissioner, and the three three parts and the probable with the commissioner of th to four thousand who took part conducted themselves in a res-

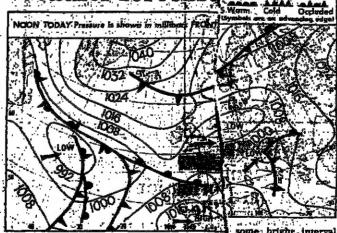
conducted themselves in a responsible manner.

"Unfortunately a number of trouble makers caused disorder at points along the route. This dissident element was responsible for a number of policemen being injured."

The march drew people from Bristol, Manchester and Birmingham and intended to show the anger of West Indians at what they allege was a tacially motivated attack on the house in Deptford, where the allengar party was taking place when the blaze started.

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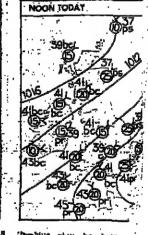
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### Police are asked to investigate death of handicapped baby in hospital care

Life, the anti-abortion organization, has asked police to investigate the death of a beby at Wycombe Hospital, Bucking-hamshire, and to question Dr. Hugh Jolly, consultant paediatrician at Charing Cross Hospital in London, after television programmes on the issue of whether severely deformed children should be allowed to die.

Garrow, a consultant paediatrician explained why treatment was withheld from the child, hor with an encephalocele, in which brain tissue extended into a fluid-filled swelling on the head who subsequently developed meningitis.

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Mrs Nuala Scarisbrick deformed children could be administrator of Lafe, said yes terday that I hamber, Valley mg bypnotic drugs if a decision police had been asked to investigate the death of a three-week-old girl whose case was discussed in a BBC Man Aliva programme last Thursday.

Which he said that severely deformed children could be given only water, and if suffer mg bypnotic drugs if a decision was reached that the quality of its life would be so appalling it should not be helped to survive.

Police in London are investigation the death of Stephen

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In the programme, Dr Donald gating the death of Stephen

Mrs Scarisbrick said that if what Dr Jolly described was happening it would be illegal. "We have asked them to seize the case notes or records on neo-natal deaths in the special care baby unit and that where they find evidence of illegal killing they should ask the Director of Public Prosecutions. to take action." Whether parents were invol-

ved in the decisions. Mrs Scarisbrick said, allowing or helping a child to die was

### 'Observer' guarantee plan to be put to Lonrho

The Observer are expected to meet the management of Lourho today or tomorrow to put to them the guarantees they are seeking of continued editorial independence for the news-

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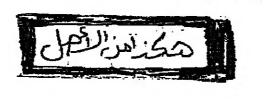
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By Our Labour Staff Mr William Keys, chairman Representatives of the of the TUC print industries National Union of Journalists at committee said vesterday that he had written to Lourho seek-ing an early meeting to discuss Mr Rowland's plans for the newspaper. He added: "We believe that Mr Rowland should give under-takings on the editorial indepen-dence of The Observer mit dis-



### Woman's career imperilled by false information at Yard

young woman film-maker was restaurant disclosed to a potential employer and nearly ruined her as a well-known member of the career, BBC television's Panor-ama programme said last night.

The mistake was discovered because the woman's father had been an officer at Scotland Yard and used his influence to find out what had happened. A senior member of the Special Branch apologized, adding that but for the inter-vention of the father nothing would have been done.

The case of Mrs Jan Martin was revealed in the second of two programmes on the work of Britain's espionage and intelligence services. Entitled intelligence services. Entitled "The Right to Privacy—the Need to Know", last night's programme foreshadowed the publication today of Lord Diplock's report on telephone

During the programme Mrs Martin said she first found out about the Special Branch file when she began work for Mr when sne began work for Mr Michael Barrart, the television broadcaster, and his private film company. A prospective client, a building company, said that it would not want to employ her because it had found her to be a security risk.

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Eventually Mrs Martin's

father, a former detective chief superintendent, found that she had been placed on file after an innocent visit to Holland.

She and her husband were travelling through the country

By Stewart Tendler

False information kept on ing the Baader-Meinhof terror.

Special Branch files about a ist group. They stopped at a wrongly identified her husband gang. The couple's car was in Mrs Martin's name, and it was her name that went back to

Scotland Yard for inquiries. Mrs Martin said that she felt at one stage that her career was finished because the false information would dog her "If one company could get that information, then every other company could get it," she

Examining telephone tapping, the programme interviewed Mr Lee Tracey, who claims to have worked for the security ser-vices. Mr Tracey said that he carried out tappings, known as "black bag jobs", which were conducted by whatever means be could devise and without a warrant.

Mr Tracey said he did about 70 tappings a year in Britain, and overall about 500 to 600 during his career.
Mr Merlyn Rees, speaking of

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Mr Nocl James leaving Victoria for Strasbourg yesterday.

effects. The Employment Act, for not joining a union where there is a closed shop shall be unfair if the worker has an objection on grounds of con-

mainly about science or deeply held personal conviction.
The men are arguing that that does not go far enough. Although the new law might give them a claim for unfair dismissal, it would not give them their jobs back. They

contend that the right to join a trade union under article 11 includes the right not to join

### Britain to sign treaty on computer data

The Government is expected shortly to announce that Britain will sign the Council of Europe convention which provides safeguards for citizens against the misuse of personal information stored in computers.

by industrialists, computer users, the medical profession and civil libertarians, all of whom have become increasingly concerned at lack of govern-ment action since the Lindop committee reported on data protection in 1978.

Although the signing commits Britain in principle to changing domestic law to bring it into line with the convention, in practice there is no parliamen-tary time this session for legis-lation to enable the Government to ratify the convention.

Mr Dudley Smith, Conserva-tive MP for Warwick and Leamington, who has been pressing the Government over its inaction, said yesterday he would welcome the signing. "This shows good faith. We ought to have been among the first to sign it."

among the legislation fore-shadowed in the Queen's Speech at the beginning of the next parliamentary session would be a Bill on data protection.

"I and others will be using The decision will be welcomed our very best endeavours to we industrialists. computer making sure that this comes bout. If the Bill is not brought in at that stage, one starts running into difficulties over lack of time through being too close to a general election."

The British Medical Association said it would press for effective legislation to be intro-

The convention, which was open for signing at the end of January, comes into force after fire member-states have agreed to be bound by it. It has been signed by France, West Germany, Sweden Denmark, Austria, Luxembourg and

Turkey.

Parties to it must not only ensure their domestic law enshrines its principles but also establish sanctions and remedies for violations of that

#### Revivalhope for seven defunct arts magazines

By Martin Huckerby

Music Reporter
The group of arts magazines which was forced to close when Hansom Books went into

Hansom Books went into liquidation last autumn may be resurrected as the result of an offer to the liquidator from a Croydon printing company.

Dance and Dancers, Music and Musicians, Plays and Players, Art and Artists, Books and Bookmen, Films and Filming and Records and Recording collansed after the death of the collapsed after the death of the owner and founder of Hansom Books, Mr Philip Dosse, amod heavy debts incurred by the

It had been thought that the ritles were doomed and efforts ritles were doomed and errors were made to launch substitute publications in several fields. However, Mr John Percival, an associate editor of Dance and Dancers, who was involved in a scheme to produce a new dance state of the printing commagazine, said the printing com-pany, which he could not name, was negotiating to buy all the

He said the Croydon company had made a conditional offer, which had been accepted. One condition was that a sufficient number of the former editorial staff of the magazines would collaborate in the new venture. Efforts were being made to get in touch with the various writers, who have dispersed since the collapse of Hausom

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### Pressure for equality in midwifery

By Lucy Hodges the Government is coming inder increasing pressure to ive men the same opportuniles as women to become mid-ive, as is stipulated in irectives drawn up by the

Last week Mr Roland Eoyes, abour MEP for Durham, took to the case of a man who has near trying to become a midaife for the past five years. Mr Norman Imms, of Peterlee a Durham, telephoned his local saternity hospital recently to sk for midwife training in view

f the EEC rules. He was rejected by Sunderand maternity hospital on the rounds that he was a man and bat the only places allowed to ake men, under the Depart-cent of Health and Social eccurity's regulations, were a ospital in London and a hospi-

al in Scotland. Mr Boyes in a letter to Mr 'arrick Jenkin, Secretary of inte for Social Services, says it a discriminatory and unjust hat Mr Imms should have to proot his family and travel

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lleged fall, doctor says

### Government pledge on **BR** policy

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent The Government has no intention of closing loss-making railways and substituting bluses, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Transport, said last

But substitution was, the policy of the previous administration but the Government's policy was to make the railiways more effective, he said in Granada Television's World In Action programme on Britain's

Action programme on kri tain's decaying railways.

Transport economists had earlier criticized British Rail's huge subsidies as "financial suicide" for the Government, and a transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich. According to a study carried

out for Granada, more than half British Rail's fare revenue comes from the wealthiest fifth of the population. Only 13 per

"The railways are used by richer people", Professor Chris-topher Foster, who helped draft Lahour's Transport Act, 1968, said. "The poor bave given up using them." Rail subsidies using them." Rail subsidies therefore go to the richer sec-tions of the community, such as commuters around Loudon, he

Both track and rolling stock Mr Boyes is hoping that the EC will put enough pressure rate, according to internal mathe Government to change be law and if necessary take the United Kingdom to the miles of track renewal is overdue, and it will take a hundred years to replace the existing diesel locomotive fleet at pre-

cions of a non-accidental death."

According to the report, there were widely distributed injuries of a mild to severe nature on Miss Smith's body, arms and legs, but they were apparently not "life-threatening"

The professor added that marks on her body were consistent with a fall on her right

side from a moderate height, but were not consistent with a fall from 70ft on tor a marble

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Mr Smith, a former police
man, said last night: This report confirms my initial su spiport confirms my initial su spiport confirms my initial su spi-

cions that the Foreign Office is

keeping the true details of the death secret. I now think the only way that the truth can be revealed is through a parliamentary select committee inquire."

A police investigation on behalf of the Leeds Coroner has been conducted. A: deci-

sion on an inquest is expected

If the court were to accept If the court were to accept that reasoning, and make a judgment accordingly, it would mean that all closed shops would be contrary to the convention. Such a ruling would be a grave embarrassment to the Government, but it is extremely unlikely that the court

### 16 police officers accused

on a total of 65 corruption charges.

Their appearance follows an investigation into allegations

that garages made improper payments to motorway patrol-men for calling them to

Sixteen police officers and have taken place between four garage directors appeared January 1977 and last May, in court at Hertford yesterday while the officers, who includes the control of the court at the control of the court and the court at the court and the court and the court and the court and the court at the court and the court at the court and one woman, were based at Garston Park, Hertfordshire. The accused garage directors come from St Albans, Hemel Hempstead and Leavesden

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By Donald Macintyre

British Airways, which faces losses of about £100m over the current financial year, has told union officials it wants cuts of more than 10 per cent among engineering and maintenance staff over the next 13 months. Detailed proposals outlined to the unions, who claim that engineering and maintenance staffs have been cut so far from 11,000 to 9,000 involve the further loss of about 1,100 personnel, including 800 skilled confirmer.

The proposals have come to The proposals have come to light at the same time as the separate annual pay negotiations which the financially troubled state airline is conducting with all staff. They are part of a publicly declared redundancy programme which management began 18 months

Overall, the programme also overall, the programme also involves a planned 16 per cent reduction in clerical administrative areas, and a 300 cut in management personnel British Airways emphasized that previous reductions have been achieved without compulsory reducidancies. redundancies.

Under the programme the air-line is scheduled to reduce staff totals to 52,600 by this month. By December, 1980, it had effected a 7 per cent re-duction to 54,000 from the August, 1979, total of 58,000.

August, 1979, total or 55,000.

In the case of engineering and maintenance staff union officials are likely to argue that it may be difficult for them to achieve the job losses without compulsory redundancies.

Meanwhile union officials

Meanwhile, union officials representing 20,000 engineering and ground services staff are expected to consider their next step on Thursday after rejection their neotiators of a pay

The state airline has warned the unions that it will not raise its 8 per cent offer, delayed for three months from the nor-mal starting date in January, and a corresponding increase in shift premiums from July. Shop stewards successfully led a one-day strike at Heath-row on January 23 in protest at the offer, but pulled back from a second stoppage on Feb-ruary 20 after late night pay talks.

At present engineering and maintenance stewards are strongly resisting the offer, but it was thought that those representing at least some of the ramp and ground services staff may be leaning towards a settle-

Representatives of about 16.000 staff are also to consider what is believed to be a recom mendation for acceptance of a broadly similar offer.

#### **Barrister fights** tax ruling on clothes expenses

Miss Ann Mallalieu, aged 35, a barrister, went to court yestermissioners' ruling that she was not entitled to tax relief on the cost of her work wardrobe, hlack dresses, white blouses, black shoes and tights.

Miss Mallalieu, a blonde, had told the commissioners that black did not suit her colour-ing and that she always wore more fashionable clothes out-

They had dismissed her claim for relief on the ground that her work clothes could be worn at any time.

Mr Andrew Park, QC, for Miss Mallalieu. asked Mc Justice Slade in the High Court, London, to quash the commis sioners' decision.

The issue was a running sore between lawyers and the Inland Revenue, he said. Barristers were allowed relief on the Cost of replacing wigs and gowns, but not on the rest of their "uniform"

Many were awalting the out-come of the case with interest. Ear Council rules are that barristers must wear unobtru-sine dark clothes, with white shirts or blouses. Women are advised to draw their hair back and up under their wigs and refrain from wearing con-

A judge may refuse to hear a barrister whom he thinks is improperly dressed. Mr Park said Miss Mallalieu would find it impossible to practise if she did not comply

to the Commons Select Com- so they might be pumittee on the difficulties existing camps that had caused by a rising prison converte dinto prisons. with the rules.

The hearing of her claim, which is expected to last two days, continues today.

about the environment are apt to describe Edinburgh as the holey city. The Scottish capital

Mr Ronald Guild, indefau-gable spokesman on the envir-onment for the Scottish Liberal

Party, has an immense port-



Sir Derek Rayner surrounded by his strengthened team of Whitehall efficiency scrutineers.

Whitehall brief: Much bureaucratic blood spilt at No 10 in clash with Civil Service hief

### Sir Derek Rayner asked to stay on in cost-cutting role

By Peter Hennessy
The main news about Sir
Derek Rayner, joint managing
director of Marks and Spencer, and the Prime Minister's part-time adviser on the elimination of waste, is that he is still there running his tiny staff from a suite in the Cabinet Office. Originally it was intended that he would be succeeded about now by a more permanent arrangement and allowed to return full time to

his private sector employer.

The Prime Minister's office seems to have contemplated searching for a successor, but Mrs Margaret Thatcher asked him to stay on as her main instrument for curbing the proliferation of central govern-

ment.

"Familiar faces are comforting and they could not identify an outside candidate with my background", he explains.

Sir Derek and the Prime Minister in May, 1979, when resched a compromise. He will remain as a non-executive overseer of the reforms he has launched while, per cent, They swiftly pointed

involvement in Whitehall will be gradually reduced. To com-pensate for his more frequent absence, his team under the day-to-day guidance of Mr Clive Priestley, his chief-of-staff, has been strengthened.

secondment from the Government Statistical Service, and Dr Elizabeth Thoms, a higher executive officer (A) on loan from the Civil Service Department whose PhD was won by a children of conjuntation infants. study of squinting infants.
They complement Sir Derek's original corps of Mr Priestley, a career administrator, and Mr David Allen, a member of the Government Economic

167m and £23m in once-and-for-all savings. All but one of the 39 scrutinies of 1980 are com-plete and the savings should be even greater than the first

form-filling announced last week.

Since last speaking on the record to The Times in August, Sir Derek has acquired a battle scar which he makes no attempt to disguise. If he had had his way, his team would no longer be in the Cabinet Office but down the road in a new ministry devoted to achieving

appears in cold print.

Sir Derek compensated for his rare failure to secure total. prime ministerial support by forcing changes in a bland first draft of last month's White

draft of last month's White Paper on The Future of the Civil Service Department.

He will not talk about it, but it is clear from several sources that there was much bureaucratic blood on the carpet in No 10 after a final and now almost legendary drafting meeting attended by Sir Derek and Prime

As a result, the Civil Service Department still lives but it has

"Tragic figure": Mr David Cox, who said he was a fellow Christian who had lived with

the couple in Keswick, said in a BBC World at One radio

interview that he had been in touch with their parents (the Press Association reports).

"loving and lovable personality who was also an indescribably

tragic figure ".

deception ".

eventually return.

very evasive man.

robberies

Casa.

Man guilty of

involving £2m

said to involve the theft of

nearly £2m in property and

He is Mr Ronald Johnson,

aged 33, of Holloway, north

Lundon, who admitted six rob-

heries, and asked for 119 other

Mr John Hammond, aged 36, of Eath Street, City of London.

admitted eight robberies and one charge of wounding, and aslied for 12 other offences to

he taken into consideration. He, ton, was jailed for 15 years.

Mr George Jones, aged 42, of Mill Hill, north London,

was failed for seven years after pleeding guilty to two rob-beries. He asked for four other

Air Johnson, described by Det Supt Anthony Lundy as the brains behind many of the robberies, was said to have

spent his proceeds on gambling.

prosecution, said Mr Kennedy

and Mr Fammond were arrested

after a security guard was shot in a bank raid in Finchley,

north London, last year.

Mr Timothy Cassell, for the

offences to be considered.

Miss Susan Gammon, the daughter of the hostel warden,

He described his friend as a

"He and his wife were in-

a fixed set of obstives against which its performe can be measured and isomber of reforms dear to softerek's heart, like the need a ensure that future permans secretaries know how to the money and manpower le as well as the policy makis in a ministry, have been pubit accepted by the Government.

When asked slist his greatest failure to les Sir Derek replies: "When he is dealing with longer tes changes, like the shape of the entral departments, the Civi service is still reluctant to per ahead with things where we cannot immediately demastrate the validity of the sument."

About his goiest success he has no doubt have proven to my own sagistion that the Civil Service is sor the talent needed to brig about changes. As individual they have responded extrems well to what they have bee asked to do."

Why as inciduals and not as department? Sir Derek laughs and defines to reply. during the next 18 months, his involvement in Whitehall will be gradually reduced. To compensate for his more frequent absence, his team under the day to day guidance of Mc Civa.

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### Helf opter jailbreaker shoots two police near Belgian border

Estaimpuis, March 2.— Beaumont, also serving a long A man who wounded two sentence for a similar crime, gendarmes near the Franco- Two of the accomplices hired Belgian border today has been identified as one of the prisoners who escaped by belicopter from the French prison of Fleury-Merogis last Feiday,

police sources said.

A third gendarme, taken hostage by two men in a car with French licence plates, was released shortly afterwards. The sources said the gen-darme positively identified one of the car occupants as Gerard Dupre who was plucked from the prison in the first ever heli-

copter escape in French history.

The two gendarmes had stopped the car for a routine identity check when the occupants threatened with gums trying to take them

with gime trying to take them hostages, the sources said.

In the ensuing saringgle shors were fired and one of the gendarines was injured in the face. A third gendarine who tried to come to their help was bit by a bullet in the chest. The car then drove off with one of the gendarines. He was released a few miles faither on. farther on.

Throughout the weekend Belgiam police had been patrolling the border area because French police had tipped them off that M Dupre's brother, Georges, who lives in Belgiam, had been visiting him in the Fleury-Merogis; prison a flew weeks before the escape.

M Dupré; who was serving a long sentence for armed roblong sentence for armed rob forcements to the bery, escaped with Daniel Belgian frontier.—UPI.

Two of the accomplices hired a helicopter at Issy-les-Moulineaux, South of Paris, and then hijjacked in forcing the pilot to fit prison. Swooping over the walls of the starshaped prison, the helicopter landed in a courtyard where

inmates were playing football.
There were no warders in

The two prisoners quickly jumped into the helicopter and it took off! within 30 seconds of landing before warders could sound the alarm.

Police said the pair could have been inspired by an American film, the Breakout, about a similar helicopter escape which was shown recently on French television.

The helicopter pilot, well known for his work with French his film crews to film from his craft, was questioned yesterday and today by French police. They showed him more than 400 photographs but he could not identify the two men who rented his helicopter.

After the prison break, the first in France from the air police reinforced security or the frontiers and closely watched airports and railway

Lille police said that after the report from Belgium of the shooting and seizure of the Belgian gendarmes, French police dispatched more rein forcements to the Franco

#### King helped save democracy

### Old guard in Spain failed to win support

From Richard Wigg Madeid, March 2

Spain's military coup failed last week because of King Juan Carlos's leadership and because all the remaining influential social groups were opposed to an "old guard" representing the Franco regime, Professor Manuel Tunon de Lara, the country's best known left-wing contemporary historian, writes in today's Diario 16, the Madrid

daily newspaper.
"In July, 1936, the ruling classes were in conflict with the Popular Front and those who ropular root and mose who staged the uprising could count on very important support". Professor Tanon says. "But last week the big banks, the big employers and the Catholic Church headed a majority of the country against those staging the country." the comp."
Last Monday, however, many

Last Monday, however, many ordinary Spaniards could not see any difference. "After a terrible night pinned to the news on the radio we decided to go to Anderca", the woman who comes to clean my flat recounted. She had gone to the bank early on Tuesday morning to draw out her savings. As a young girl she remembered

civil war!

A girl student from Barcelous said: "Suddenly an official entered the library where I was reading and shouted the library is closing: now—there's been a coup". We were all bundled out shocked, friehtened, and wondering whether we would find tanks firing in the streets."

Both of these women attended

The King's logical moves.

The question in public opinion in further coup as prevented. Señor Sotelo, the new I has promised it ligence agency is gated.

The King has a street. Friday's mass demonstrations in defence of democracy in Mad-rid, when more than a million

ous at all the demonstration even though left-wing participation in elections it year was often disproporticately low.

Many are now evident among the most concerned the the coup attempt if the punisment of the plotters pro-lenient.

Older, middle-class peopless identified perhaps widemocracy, suspected the knowled not accept the takeov lying down and feared bloc shed disrupting their lives. The second could be as important to the second could be as important to the second could be as important to the second could be as important. as that of younger people. F tions of the Spanish people face potential civil war cou if sufficiently manifest, be deterrent to any right-wi

army piotters. The absense of people right-wing, conservative vie lamenting in private that t coup attempt failed has a

been very striking. Many people went to be reassured after hearing it young girl she remembered King's television address to Tuesday. Booking air till family towards the end of the shortly after the coup was of the King's ablest psyc

The question most exercisi public opinion now is how a further coup attempt can prevented. Señor Leopold Cai Sotelo, the new Prime Minist-has promised that the int ligence agency will be inve-

The King has already advis the politicians and the met that they should not indulge generalized criticism of t army and so make things wor:

### people turned out according to the police, and in Barcelona.

Andalusia agrees to plan

Madrid, March 2.-Parliamen- lonia and north-western Galic tarians from Andalusia have agreed on plans to give home to the Madrid Parliament whi is expected to pass it.

between Kessingland and Thorpenes affected at the weekend is an oil slick which has cause the death of many

Flat fae of 10p A flat-bro bus ticket of 10p

Radiating teams were called in yesterday when a lorry carryon the Whitehaven to Barrow road ouside the Windscale nuclear works in Cumbria, but found the load intact.

Mr Essin Beteson, a flying instruction, of Wrea Green, near Presson, i, being prosecuted by the Department of Trade for allegedy to his wife behind his aircraft

Joseph Cooper, aged 15, who disappeared from his home in Wisham, Lanarkshire, over the wedged, was found dead yesterday by workers at an engineering factory, having apparently fallen through the roof.

for regional autonomy

era region under Spain's devolution schemes.

give the region, plagued by acute unemployment, powers to the Basque country, Cata- its parliament.-Reuter.

Under home-rule plans, ti They voved yesterday for a last year elected regional parti statute of sutonomy that would ments and formed autonomou governments. Galicia approve home-rule plans in a reference last year but still has to ele

### **Italian politicians learn to** take pensioners seriously population whose index-relative system of increases comes in effect once every six months. The essential point is not a

From Peter Nichols Ronne, March 2

The Chamber of Deputies approved late last night a Fin-ance Bill which covers the whole of state spending but was of interest mainly because of the rivalry among the parties to help old age pensioners. For :the first time, the pen-

sioners became an important issue. Towards the end of last week, there were fears that differences about better pensions might bring down Signor Arnaldo Forlani's argumentative coalitions.

But the Prime Minister knew where to retreat and the Communist Criposition had no intenmunist Criposition nag no inten-tion of seeing the Government fall. At true end of the special session last night, 326 voted in favour of the Bill and 237 aZainst.

The Finitnce Bill has still to go to the Senate, but us far as public opinion is concerned it has accomp shed two advances: hasic pensions have raised and they will be revised every four itionths in the light of changes in the cost of living index instead of every six months

This decision places the pensioners ahead of the working

much that the pensioners has suddenly been placed in vanguard position but that the politicians have recognized their political importance. Some 18 million pensions are pain Italy, an average of at less one for every family. up to the age of 29 were meetimes as numerous as the aged over 60: today de younger people have an adantage of just about two and a half million and in 10 years time the forces will be equily balanced with a preponderace of the clderly in 2001.

Given that the Western contony is expected to here

Given that the Western exnomy is expected to not increasingly to high technology. I deaving to the Third World many of the traditional infestries, the older people will be able to continue longer in the work force because experience. work force because experience and skill will be of greater value than physical strength. The estimated deficit his year of the main state person fund will be some 17.721m for (58.750m) which is expected to be more than double in wo years' time. work force because expe years' time.

#### Dirty protest Hill walker's body identified as that of ends at Maze jail

From Christopher Thomas

In an abrupt change of tactics, Republican rerrorists inside the Maze prison, near Belfast, have stopped fouling their cells for the first time in three years.

A statement from the Re-publican press centre in west Belfast said the aim was to focus attention on the hunger strike by Robert Sands, which began on Sunday in support of five demands: no prison work, no prison clothing, more visita and mail, free association with other prisoners at all times, restoration

remission. There were 411 prisoners involved in the "dirty" pro-test at the Maze when the announcement was made. The 28 women at Armagh jail have also ended their dirty protest

after 11 months. Outside the jail, it has become clear that the Provisional TRA has also changed tactics. Sources indicate that the virtual ending of violence during the 53-day fast last year

Although the dirty protest has ended, several hundred prisoners will continue to cover themselves in blankets instead of wearing prison clothes. The foul form of protest has never appealed to the Irish and some republican sympathizers believe it has been counter-

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Football hooligans were being

sent to prison because they could not pay the large fines

imposed on them by the courts, Mr Colin Steel, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association,

Mr Steel was giving evidence

land that could be earning a living, or at least looking less

He said: "There are many

sites around Edinburgh which have suffered in this way from every kind of blight, for which plans have been drawn up only

The latest example is the de-

cision to abandon development of the site in the Royal Mile which the Cockburn Association,

one of the city's principal watchdogs, describes as prob-

ably the most important unde-veloped site in any historic city

in Europe.

The hole first appeared 15

years ago after a group of eighteenth century tenements

had been demolished. Recently

it seemed that a combined office block and shopping centre was to rise there, but for various reasons the de-

to fall down."

said yesterday.

Some who claim to care folio of information about idle

The additions are Mr Ian Beesly, a chief statistician on

From a Staff Reporter

months ago.

who died accidentally in Skye last week was identified yester-

day as that of a man thought by police to have drowned off the south coast of England 10

The procurator fiscal at Portree confirmed that the body

was that of Keith Greenfield-Hunter, aged 29, who died from

exposure in the Cuillia Hills last Thursday and who had been using the name of Keith Tate.

Nearby was the body of Alison Willis, aged 26, who died of multiple injuries in a fall.

The procurator fiscal said there

were no suspicious circum-

stances surrounding the deaths.

identified her busband's body yesterday in the mortuary at

The man using the name Tate was found to have a passport

Mr Greenfield-Hunter dis-appeared from his home at

Pembury, near Tumbridge Wells, last April. His car and clothing were found at a beach

in Dorset and it was believed that he had committed suicide.

But the passport showed that

since his disappearance. Mr

Greenfield-Hunter had been to

the United States of America,

The Hampshire police dis-

Large fines 'putting soccer fans in jail'

to get into another cell.

Referring to security, Mr that there had been several where there were two.

Spaces in places where planners once roamed

maximum security prison in Leicestershire had been able to knock their fists through a wall

categories could be downgraded

so they might be put into existing camps that had been

Regional report

veloper, the Post Office Staff

Superannuation Fund, with-drew. The decision not to set

up a Scottish assembly has apparently left Edinburgh with a glut of office space.

Probably the brightest sign that parts of the old town

are emerging from a dark age of planning blight can be seen on the South-side, behind the extensive scaffold-

ing in Nicolson Street. The

admitted woefully that after 30 years of considerable planning activity there had been little re-

sult. Large swathes of the old town lay under weeds because

of a proposal to run a new road through the area to take pressure off the city centre. The road, like so much else had been abandoned.

Meanwhile, the Crown Estate many years.

Ronald Faux

Edinburgh

closed yesterday that before his Lake District. Miss Will disappearance Mr Greenfield also worked at a hostel

David Evans, the union's as outbreaks in the past 10 years, sistant secretary, disclosed that It was remarkable there had some prisoners at Gartree been no loss of life. Many night

Mr Steel thought, however, MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, that some prisoners' security was concerned about the cost of

onverte dinto prisons.

Six padres, Mr Steel said he Mr Evans said of fire risks know only of establishments

and other documents in t

Mrs Sally Greenfield-Hunter

The 29 scrutinies completed in 1979 identified economies of

For 1981, 35 departmental scrutinies are planned in addition to the two trans-Whitehall investigations of support staff for research establishments and form-filling announced last

ministry devoted to achieving greater efficiency and economy and created by the disband-ment of the Civil Service

Greenfield-Bunter :

Indescribably tragic figure.

Hunter had been placed on bail

by Wichester magistrates on two charges of stealing antique books worth £278. A week

after his appearance for a fur-

ther remand at Winchester bis

clothes and car were found at

Mr Keith Hunter, as he was

known, began studying for a bachelor of education degree in

geography in September, 1979, at King Alfred's College, Win-

chester. After three months he

dropped the gengraphy course

and took up religious studies.

Police said yesterday that since last July he had lived under the name of Tate, work-

ing at a youth hostel in the

Lake District. Miss Willis had

patrols, men who were not full-

time prison officers but were recruited locally, were too old

in prisons. Asked if he could confirm there was a prison with

Commissioners have made their

first major acquisition of an urban site in Scotland by Invest-

ing in the Nicolson Street pilot

scheme, helping out the district council which had not only lost

the fight to drive a read through the area but had run short of funds.

A small part of the £2.5m cost

of the redevelopment will come from dues received by the con-missioners from oil pipelines which cross the foreshore from

Purists among the conserva-

tion lobby criticize some of the fine detail, but there is no doubt that this row of revital-

ized buildings has set an example for the area behind.

"It was a pilot scheme in the sense that it would lead others to follow and this is happen-

ing", a commissioners' spolies-man said. A private develop-

ment has begun behind Nicolsa.

Street, people are moving back

into the area, and the old town

has not seen so much fresh

paint, construction and hope for

the North Sea.

Mrs Jill Knight, Conservative

proliferation of padres

man who faked 1980 beach suicide

Keith

persuaded I am wrong. I have not changed my mind. I am not uptight like a small child. I am going to do my best to make the new arrangement work", Sir Derek says in a manner far more genial than his statement

ing attended by Sir Derek and Sir Ian Bancroft, Head of the Home Civil Service, with the Minister acting as

In brief

Formerdetective denies corruption John Synals, a former Metropolitan Price detective, pleaded not milty to three charges of couption, involving a total of 23, at Teesside Crown Court esterday.

The charge allege that Mr Symonds comptly accepted or obtained £50 three occasions in 1969 as a mard for showing favour to a sa involved in an arrest. He wa remanded in custody. Legal suments are expected to compy the next two days of the nal.

volved in a series of car acti-dents none of which were the fault of either partner. "The effect of these and her misfortunes was, it other misfortunes was, it seems, to pursuade Keith that his wife and other relatives EEC to reconsider 44-ton lones

would be better off without The EEC s to reconsider the him.
"He therefore faked his own issue of hery lorries after objections by Britain and other death and disappeared in April last year, taking on a new members to baft proposals for 44-ton mainum

There is a possibility of the The relationship between existing proposals being adopted in their present form, Mr Kenneti (larke, parliamentary secrety to the Department of Imsport, wrote to Lord Bethel MEP for north-Keith and Alison, who died with him in Skye, was a chaste friendship and this has been verified extensively. Alison was The Rev Gerald Cunliffe, curate of St Peter's Church, Pembury, said that after Mr Greenfield-Hunter had disappeared his wife, Earbara, lived in hope that he would eventually seturn.

Missing tobalt report

Mr Kein Speed, Under Sec-retary of Dience for the Royal Navy made a flying visit to Rosyth dodyard yesterday and returned the the Board of Inquiry report into the radioactive cold cylinder missing at the Poler submarine base. said that Mr Greenfield-Hunter had said nothing about his background and he was a He would sudy the report be-fore making his Commons fore making his Comustatement today, he said.

Suffolk oil slick

Clearence began vesterday of 20 miles of Suffolk coastline Four men were jailed for a total of 52 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday and one pleaded guilty to charges birds,

> for any distance in the West Midlands is being tried every Monday for the next few weeks. The experiment started yester-

Radiation check

robberies and burglaries to be considered. He was jailed for 15 years. Mr John Kennedy, aged 31, of Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, pleaded guilty to seven robberies, including snatching £500,000 in gems frem International Diamond Sales at the Savoy Hotel's shopping arcade in June, 1978. He asked for 33 other offences to he considered, and was jailed for 15 years.

Aerial greetings case

Boy dies in fall

Boxer fined £5

Chris linengan, aged 36, the former gritish and European light heavyweight boxing champion, and his cousin Mr Dominique Finnegan, aged 33, a painter, were each fined £5 yesterday for being drunk in the West End of London.

holey city. The Scottish capital of an eyesore than it does. He has more than its proper share of gaps, holes in the ground and razed zones where years ago bulldozers were busy knocking things down but where nothing has happened.

The Scottish capital of an eyesore than it does. He also has lists of buildings of threatened by the creeping demolition that decades of meglect incurs, and which needs only one nudge from a bull-dozer to complete. Some development sites that never developed are now never developed are now famous in a negative way, as spaces worth watching. The Opera House, the international conference centre, hotels, office conference centre, noters, unice blocks and markets were all at one stage or another expected to rise from fluttened sites that remain stubbornly and forlornly empty. Of course, the planners cannot win. So many of the build-ings that have gone up have been shot down, the leading example being the St James Centre complex, aspects of which make Alcatraz look quite

Record crop

embarrasses

March 2

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new plentiful rains and a agrace growing season with the content of the to produce estimate on the maize crop in which although there are the size the final harvestwill certainly be the biggest But this to be a bed blessing for the Covernment Plentically in a continent with family too big

while maize is the nation's staple foodstuff and an important element in bestock

important element in instock farming production defined steadily from 1975 until less year when Mr Robert Mushe's newly-formed Government has forced into the embarrating position of having to important maize from South Africa.

Determined to avoid a repetition this government.

Determined to avoid a repettion this year, the Government
encouraged, to turn land over
re maize by increasing the price
paid by the Grain Marketing
Board from 85 Zimbebwe dollars
(about 1556) per ronne to 120
dollars while keeping the price
to the consumer down to about
60 dollars.

What had not been foreseen
was the extent of the response
to the dangled carrot commercial and peasant farmers
planted maize over an
unprecedented 280 million
acres, the crop went in early

Zimbabwe

of maize

From Harry Debelius Madrid, March 2

Police set up a nationwide search today for a popular football player, Joaquin Castro, known to fans as "Quini", who disappeared on Sunday night in Barcelona. It is believed he may have been kidnapped.

Officials of the Barcelona club, for which he plays, said they had no knowledge of threatening letters which, some sources claimed, several players had received.

Señor Castro was due to have picked up his wife at Barcelona airport last night after his team's regular league match, but he failed to arrive.

When his wife returned their home, she found the radio and television turned on, but her husband and his car-a her husband and his car-a whisky-coloured Ford Granads were missing. Police found the car in another part of



'Quini ' Castro : Disappeared in Barcelona on Sunday.

For reasons which have not been explained, the footballer's absence was not formally reported to police until about noon, although a fellow player, advised by Señor Castro's wife that he was missing, told the police early this morning that the player's car had disappeared.

In Gijon, northern Spain, the missing player's brother, lesus Castro, who is also a professional footballer, said he had no knowledge of any ransom demand, but he feared that his brother had been kidnapped. Last January Señor Luis Suner, a prominent Spanish industrialist, was seized from his office near Valencia, on Spain's east coast and about

220 miles south of Barcelona Anonymous telephone callers claimed be had been kidnapped by the ETA organization but police were sceptical and sus-pected that common criminals were involved, rather than political activists. Señor Suner is still missing and his family claim that no ransom demand

has been received. In two other recent Spanish kidnap cases, the ETA abducted a nuclear engineer and murdured him when their demand for the destruction of a nuclear plant under construction near

authorities, In another case, the consuls of Austria, El Salvador and Uruguay in the Basque country were released last Saturday when the ETA political-military wing announced its intention of seeking a ceasefire.

#### More nuclear protests at **Brokdorf** likely

From Patricia Clough Bonn, March 2

More anti-nuclear demonstra-tions like the one by 50,000 protesters at Brokdorf near Hamburg last weekend were promised today by the leader of West Germany's nuclear protest movement.

Herr Josef Leinen, head of the association of civic action groups said their campaign against the building of the Brokdori nuclear power-station would continue with sit-ins and probably further mass demon-strations.

Some 10,500 police were de-ployed around Brokdorf during a three-hour battle with water cannon and tear gas against a

### dnapfears | Earthquake speeds up plans for large-scale repairs to Parthenon

The Greek Archaeological rvice has decided to speed up The its plan for a corrective operation on the Parthenon, because of the distiurbance caused by last week's powerful earthquake in Athens.

The shock caused the entablature on the north-eastern corner of the tempe to shift slightly from its place. At the same tir the gaps caused at the joins by rusting iron clamps, became

more pronounced.
The plan is to bring down this superstructure, replace the clamps with brackets made of rust-free titanium alloy, then reassemble it and shift it back into position. The operation will be carried out later this year. Temporarily, the endangered cornice has been fastened in splints.

This was announced today in the course of a press conference given by Mr Andreas Admanopoulos, the Minister of Culture and Sciences, in the presence of Dr Nikolaos Yalouris, inspectorgeneral of the Archaeological Service, and Dr George Donras, curator of the Acrosolis.

The minister said that, considering the intensity of the earthquake, the damage to antiquities had not been extensive. "The ancient buildings." he said, "withstood the shock better than the new ones." The replacement of the iron The replacement of the iron dowels inserted in the marbles of the Acropolis monuments during past restorations, with a rustfree material, is now in progress. "Had we not completed this work on the western wall of the Erechtheion," Mr Dontas said, "It would certainly have collarsed during the earthhave collapsed during the earth-

The lower drums of some five or six columns of the western and eastern colonnades of the Parthenon had also shifted slightly, one centimetre at most, but there was no danger, he said.

during the earthquake, was the destruction of the small museum at Perahora, north of Corinth, which was near the epicentre of the shock, and the breaking of some 200 fine classical and archaic amphoras and laborated in the National and lekythoi in the National Archaeological Museum:

"But, not to worry." Dr Yalouris said, "We have some of the best vase-menders in the

One of the Corinthian capitals of the columns of Olympian Zeus, a familiar landmark at the entrance of Athens, broke off during the tremor, while two more capitals had shifted position on the tall columns. They would be repaired.

Vertical cracks had allso been noticed on the limestone columns of the temple of Aphaia on the island of Aegina, which curiously had occurred after the earthquakes.

Mr Adrianopoulos said it was

extraordinary that the antiqui-ties of ancient Corinth, so close to thecentre of the earthquake, had suffered no damage at all, nor had the local museum. He said the Archaeologica Service was already taking the appropriate measures to avert

r damage in case of new puakes. "We lived under earthquakes. the impression that Athens was quite secure from earthquakes," he said. "No ancient author has ever recorded an earth-quake in Athens. Besides, the fact that the Acropolic fact that the Acropolis still stands is proof of this. Evidenlly we will have to revise our

Corinth tremor: An earthquake measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale was recorded by the seismological observatory in Athens today (Agence France Presse

The observatory said the epicentra aws in the same area —the Gulf of Corinti—asthose tremor apparently caused no casualties or damage.

### Mr Mintoff is accused of emulating Charles I

From Our Correspondent Vallerra, March 2,

here yesterday.

Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, the leader of the opposition Nationalist Party, lashed out at Mr Dom Mintoff and his Labour Government at an extremely well attended mass meeting

In his address Dr Fenech Adami attacked Mr Mintoff's court reforms Bill saying that the Government had taken the country hundreds of years back by assuming the stand taken by Charles I of Britain, who said that he was the king and therefore could do no wrong.

He recalled that the Labour Party's electoral programme had promised the introduction of an ombudsman and the right of individual petition to European Commission of Human Rights and that everyone, including the Government, would be subject to the law. Instead the Maltese had been deprived of the hitherto existing possibility of appeal to the Privy Council, and now that all constituted bodies had for the first time joined together to condemn the proposed reforms, the guillotine motion had been passed in Parliament to restrict the debating time on the Bill, which enters committee stage

Dr Fenech Adami said the Government had stated it was not right that just one citizen should take the Government to

should take the Government to court. There could be no greater proof of the contempt in which Mr Mintoff's Government held the citizen, the Opposition leader said:
He added that until some time ago, Mr Mintoff had threatened the West by asking for economic and other aid in default of which he would go to "the other side"—Colone! Gaddafi of Libya.

Now that Colonel Gaddafi had let him down Malta found itlet him down Malta found it-self "in a state of isolation".

### President's hand forced by the opinion polls

or combination . . I do not seek partisans. I want to bring together the greatest possible number of Frenchmen . I shall not be a president-candidate, but a citizen-candidate, but a citizen-candidate, but a citizen-candidate, but a concluded.

The President's announcement comes within 56 days of the first ballot on April 26. He had declared in his last television appearance at the end of

had declared in his last television appearance at the end of
last month that between 15 and
20 days before the polls was a
"normal period to inform
Frenchmen" of his aims and objectives. He has declared himself sooner than he appears to
have planned originally for two
reasons: The first is the large
fall in his personal score in
opinion polls; the second is
the unexpected impact made
by M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist candidate, since he entered
the lists a month ago.
For some weeks now, the
liege meu of the Giscardian
UDF, the coalition of parties

that support the President, had become increasingly alarmed that the electoral stage should be monopolized by the Gaul-lists, socialists, and communists, and had been pressing him to declare himself.

President Giscard d'Estaing wanted to delay doing so as long as possible for the very obvious reason that once he became a candidate he would lose the position of authority and prestige which is properly that of the bead of state, and would have to plunge into the electoral free for all. The only precedent under the Fifth Republic of a president seeking re-election is that of General de Gaulle in 1965.

He had declared that he would stand only one month before the poll, and only after some hesitation. He had refused to campaign and, much to his surprise, was forced into a second into President Giscard d'Estaing

surprise, was forced into a second ballot by M Jean Lecanuet, then in opposition,

### Paris opens its own Manhattan

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 2

The Qautre-Temps, claimed to be the largest commercial centre in Europe, was opened this morning at La Défense, the conproversial futuristic complex of 21 tower blocks and high rise buildings, in the axis of the Arc de Triomphe, nicknamed Manhattan sur Seine, which has revolutionized—some would say, spoiled—the traditional Paris

skyline. M Giscard d'Estaing, when he was Finance Minister, was so shocked by the damage to the unique view of the Arc de Triomphe from the Louvre, where he had his office, that he got the Government to order the height of one of the towers tat threatened to blo i out, to be reduced.

But much that was irreparable had already be done. It has now, for better or for worse, become as much a part of Paris as the Eiffel Tower which was equally controversial in its day.

La Défence is a vast complex of offices in which 45,000 people work each day, and of 7.000 fiats which attracted Parisians because of their relatively cheap

It was a monumental gamble which began in the 1960s, went through many ups and downs, and verged on financial castastrophe before it could be said, only a year or so ago, to have been definitely won by the architects and the planners.

It is, in the words of the director general of the EPAD, the public company set up to redevelop the area, a symbol of the extraordinary social and economic transformation of France in the past 20 years, as he said in Le Monde today. M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, who opened the new commercial centre with a floor space of 105,000 sq metres—twice the area of the shops of the Champs Elysées—has always firmly believed in the future of La Défense.

He ordered an additional 700,000 sq metres of office space to be built there in 1978, when the property market was M Raymond Barre, the Prime

when the property market was in the doldrums. By 1982, there will be nearly twice that amount of office space in use

at La Défense. The building's opening is with courage and determination another gamble. But 90 per cent the industrial and commercial of the available floor space has transformation necessary to of the available floor space and already been taken up by 160 overcome successfully the condifferent businesses including petition of its partners, and of new industrial countries."

metres, the largest in the Paris region, and by restaurants, food shops, clothing and house-hold equipment stores, nine cinemas and a skating rink.

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M Barre used the occasion of the inauguration to repeat his call to his fellow countrymen to "continue, resolutely to tread the road of effort, and solidarity" and to pat them on the back for what they had already achieved.

By doing so, he added, they would be able to look to the future with confidence. "They will also have the honour and pride of having helped to keep their country in the leading platoon of the big nations", he insisted, "in spite of difficulties of all kinds, in spite of the criticism inspired, all too often, alas, by a systematic negativism. France has been able to find in her very depths the necessary her very depths the necessary resources to face up to her trials and to pave the way for

the future. Our country has been able to adapt itself to the energy upheaval. It has undertaken Jerusalem

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### denies Palestinian compromise

Jerusalem, March 2
Israelf officials today denied
a semi-official Egyptian press
report alleging that Mr Ariel Sharon, the Agricultural Mini-ster, had proposed far-reaching concessions in an effort to break the deadlock over Palestinian autonomy and reach agreement before the June 30 general election here. The report appeared in the

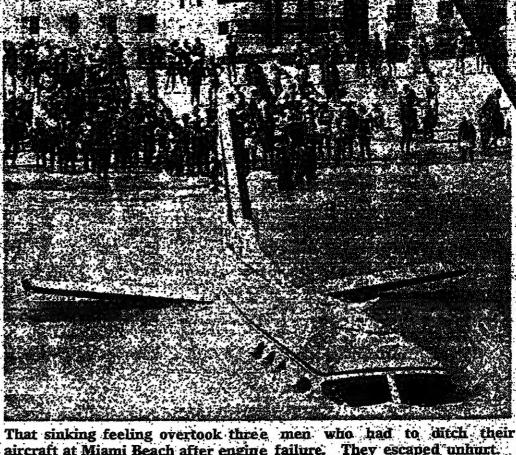
Cairo magazine Mayo, a new weekly published by President Sadar's ruling National Democratic Party. According to the magazine, Mr Sharon's pro-posals were put forward during

posals were put forward during a recent meeting with Mr. Saad. Murtadd, the Egyptian Ambassador to Israel.

Senior officials in the Israeli Agriculture Ministry later acknowledged that a meeting between the two men had recently taken place, but they denied that any proposition had been put forward by Mr. Sharon. Although observers accept the denial that no formal concessions were proposed, it is widely known that Mr. Sharon and some other ministers regard a breakthrough in the regard a breakthrough in the regard a breakthrough in the autonomy talks as possibly the only political card available to save the Begin coalition from defeat in June.

In addition, Mr Sharon has recently tried to impress on his colleagues that concessions leading to an autonomy agree-ment now would be preferable to much more sweeping Israeli It is understood that among

and his supporters have con-sidered in private are possible extensions to the proposed powers of the Palestinian autonomy council and a relaxation in Israeli demands for control of water rights in the West



aircraft at Miami Beach after engine failure. They escaped unhurt.

### Lebanon shelled for second day

Beirut, March 2 The southern Lebanese port

of Sidon came under long-range shellfire this morning for the second consecutive day while a few miles south of the city, Israeli jets bombed targets in the village of Abu al-Aswad. In the attack on Sidon seven people were injured and the city's water supply was cut by the shellfire. The bombardment was part of

Major Saad Haddad's campaign against the Lebanese Govern-ment who, he claims, owe the

new structure but against mid-

in January, the matter were before Amnesty's council, which supported Mr. Desmond. Last mosth, the dispute having grown more acrimonious, it was

once again brought before the chuncil. This time it decided

against the new structure. Mr Designed has felt bound to see this as tantamount to dismissal and gone on holiday, leaving an acting director to take his place until the problem is resolved.

The battle has inevitably been

(about £2.5m).

The air raid was of a more

conventional kind. The Israeli authorities announced afterwards that their Air Force had scored accurate hits against Palestinian guerrilla bases in Abu el-Aswad although a statement issued larer by the Palestine. Liberation Organization Beliance laborates tion in Beitur claimed that there had been no casualties in the

to refute.

The organization, he argues, is currently extremely productive, having least its weight to much publicized campaigns over Zaire, Chile, South Kurea and the expet of paversive rechi

the export of repressive rech-

Why then has a seemingly trivial difference of opinion

reached these threatening pro-portions? Precisely because Mr

Briotret believes the British section has been so successful

in recent years, growing from 8,000 members in August, 1978, to 17,000 today. Such a rate of expansion

of its size on southern hebenon this year, a series of air and sea borne raids that have so far cost the lives of 29 people, fewer than half of them operatiles. guerrillas.

wards that their Air Force had scored "accurate hits" against Palestinian raid: Pale

imprecedented 280 million acres, the crop went in early and, after two years of drought, rain fel theavily and regularly. As a result it is estimated that the barvest will realize between 2.1 million tonnes and 2.4 million tonnes a huge increase on the previous record of 1.4 million tonnes in 1973.

Pradoxically, this unexpected bounty will onet the Government dear. From April 1, when the price to the farmer goes up the price to the farmer goes up to 120 dollars every tonne passing through the Grain Marketing Board will cost the Exchequer 75 dollars about 60 dollars is subsidy and 15 Troubleshooter tries to settle war at Amnesty dollars in storage costs—unless the price to the consumer is tions are juggling between traditional methods of persuasion and the new public action campaigns, between the quieter form of negging, and the lender sounds of public exposure. There is, he says no contradiction between the two the debate, misself healthy, must simply he sorted out. increased.
Officials believe that the present price is far too low and that although it would be ex-

remely unpopular to increase the cost of the staple diet of the vast majority, and poorest section, of the population, a rise is inevitable. Estimates of The weir at Annesty will not be allowed to go ou. At the end of the month, the organization holds its annual general meeting and will then consider the commission's verdict. Whatever the outcome. Mr Briotect believes that the Braitish section will then be able to resume its work pur behind it a pointless wrangle of the kind to which such organizations are sadly prone and, with buck come to see that the furnite lies not in a debate over methods, but in a process of selecting that form of campaign best suited to the time place and nature of each inquiry. such an increase vary from 30 to 50 per cent. To balance the books an increase of more than 100 per cent would be necessary. Famine threat: In stark con-

trast President Nyerere has warned his countrymen that Tanzania is threatened by its worst fainthe in 20 years of independence, because of a shortage of foreign exchange.

Mr. Nyerere, quoted by the Tanzanian. Government newspaper Daily News, said that this year's drought had, hit Tanzania. zania at a time when its zania at a time when its reserves of foreign currency were dow.— Agence France-Presse

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#### bers of the staff, nothing wrong with the idea of reorganization, but it did not work. Staff members long used to a certain state of fragmentation and inefficiency, something that Mr Roger Briottet, elected chair-man of the council two weeks ago after the resignation of the former chairman, is determined

A dispute affecting the in-ernal running of the British section of Amnesty Inter-national is to come before aflexibility and autonomy re-belled, not so much against the special commission of inquiry, headed by Mr Peter Archer, dle management charged with implementing it.

OC and former someting General, this week. The commission is meeting to pronounce on an internecine battle which has led to an occupation, a partial strike several resignations and, perhaps most vitally, to a danger that Amnesty's reputation could be tarnished. Trouble began in the British

section, boused together with Amnesty, International, in Covent Garden, last September. was then that Mr Cosmas Desmond, recently appointed director, decided to reorganize a highly complicated staffing system that owes much of its impetus and success to a mix-ture of volunteers and pro-

### UN vote to silence

New York, March 2.—The United Nations credentials committee today recommended that the General Assembly bar South Africa from a debate on Namibia (South-West Africa), although an independence planfor the territory demands Pretorials cooperation. toria's cooperation.

Only the United States voted against the proposal. Six of the nine committee members were in favour, and Spain and Costa Rica abstained.

Rica abstance.

Herr Rüdiger von Wechmar, president of the assembly, asked for the committee's recommendation after South African delegates turned up for the debate, and were immediately challenged.

South Africa's delegation was ejected from the assembly in November 1974. It did not reclaim its seats until May, 1979, when it was again barred at the start of a special session

on Namiona.

South African sources discouraged speculation that today's ban might be followed by rejection of the United Nations sentlement plan for Namibia. The plan was drafted by the United States, Britain, France,

West Germany and Canada. It has not been implemented because South Africa is not convinced that the United Nations would fairly carry out the terms, which include supervising the holding of elections in the territory.

The assembly recognizes the South West Africa People's Organization as the only authen-

tic representative of the Nami bian people.—Reuter.

#### Hijacked plane diverted to Afghanistan

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad, March 2

A Pakistan aircraft, with 148 assengers, was hijacked and passengers, was injacked and diverted to Kabul today.
The hijacker, who spoke to a Pukistan International Airine official from the Afghan capital, said he was a member of the Pakistan People's Party, which was founded by Mr. Bhutto, the late Prime Minister.
The captain was stated to The captain was stated to have been forced to fly to Kabul only a few minutes before the aircraft, which has taken off at Karachi, was due to land at Bechange.

Peshauar.
No immediate explanation

### cannot be achieved without growing pains, particularly in an age when not just Annesty, but all human rights organizaseen in terms of personalities. That in itself, though disruptive, is less harmful than the sugges-tion made over the past weeks Howotherairlines see Nigeria.

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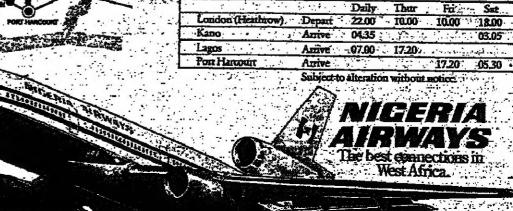


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### Moscow says Phatcher recipe for world peace based on 'piles of arms' cannot be lasting

Leonid Zamyana, the

Mr Leonid Zamyatia; the official Soviet spokesman exiticated Mrs Thatcher today for suggesting in her spear in Naw York last week that Western strength was a necessary precondition for negotiations with the Russias. He said any peace built of pressent to farms would not be durable. The Soviet Covernment, he said was ready for a constructive dialogue atthout any preconditions. Invall past summit conferences it had been the prerogative of those taking part to negotiate on any topic weapons to the insurgent any weapons to the insurgent series of Senator. part to agotiate on any topic without conditions. He said a summit was a vital part of such a dislogue, and it was better to have a prepared one than an Mare g prepared one than an unprepared one. But neither side could lay down conditions. Addressing the press conference on the seventh day of the Congress of the Soviet Communist Party, Mr Zamyatin said the Russians had followed Mrs Thatcher's visit to the United States "with great attention". He did not repuy directly to her tough accusations egainst the Soviet Union, but noted that she had rejected aspects of President Brezhnev's foreign policy proposals out of Aspects of President preziner's foreign policy proposals out of hand and said the Russians were still hoping for an "objective response" from the

Americans.
He said he was "a bit sur-prised" when the British Prime Minister spoke of the News analysis

Progress slow in extending capability of armed forces

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent
In spite of Mrs Thatcher's
brave promise of British help
in protecting Western interests
outside Nato, the Ministry of
Defence has made slow progress towards the modest goals
outlined last year. Senior officers are now waiting to see if
priorities will be adjusted in
the light of her New York
speech.

training every year which is
thought necessary.

As a result it would take
Britain about an hour to drop
one parachute battalion, instead
be required in an emergency.
Observers drew an unfavourable comparison between the
British and American drops
during last September's Nato
exercises in West Germany.
The Army could draw upon

The first indication that the Government was considering improvements to the services' improvements to the services so-called "worldwide capability" came in last April's Defonce White Paper, and was confirmed by Mr Pym, then Defence Secretary, in the Commons in October.

Energies were first concentrated upon trying to reestab-lish a parachuting assault capability, and the number of fully trained parachute battalions has been raised from one to two-one of them in the 6th Field Force whose headquarters are at Aldershot and the other in the 8th Field Force based on

The RAF is also continuing with its programme to "stretch" 30 of its 65 Hercules transport alreraft, increasing their capacity from 92 to 128 soldiers or from 64 to 92 fully equipped paratroopers. Three of the stretched Hercules are

of the stream.
already flying.

\*\*\*Table hall's recent cash
\*\*Table hall's recent chorr whitehall's recent cash squeeze, however, has cut short plans to buy the Adverse Weather Air Delivery System radar to enable the Hercules to fly in close formation in poor visibility. Reductions in the fuel ellocation have also ruled out any chance of pilots completing the 1,000 hours additional flight

Malaysia hangs

three under

security laws

As a result the ministry is trying simply to ensure that the services would have the flexibility to send troops when they were needed, General admits

distant as the Gulf. Zir and the Falkland Isles.

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, March 2 Three more men were hanged this morning for illegal possession of firearms, bringing the total of executions to six since last Wednesday. All six were Chinese convicted under the Internal Security Act which restricts the rights of the accused.

of appeals being rejected.

cover-up over island massacre

Manila, March 2.—The mill-tary authorities in the Philip-pines admitted today that they deliberately tried to withhold from the press publicity about the February 12 massacre of 119 government troopers in Pata island in the south. Brigadier-General Delfin

under the Internal Security Act which restricts the rights of the accused.

This brought the total hanged to 17 since Malaysia resumed executions a year ago after a lapse of nearly a decade. All but two of them were convicted under the security laws.

At least 60 men are in Malaysia's Pudu prison awaiting execution. Executions are usually carried out within days of appeals being rejected.

Brigadier-General Delfin Castro, thief of the southern military command, told the local press in Zamboanga city that the incident was best forgotten because it had a psychological effect on the government soldiers, sources said.

General Castro was quoted as saying that the real story was purposely withheld since its publication would only fan the fire in the eight-year conflict in the south—Agence France-

Argentina offers Falkland Islands special status

Port Stanley, March 2—
Argentina's military Government has offered to make the Falkland Islands its "most pampered region" and to guarantee the islands' democratic traditions if British settlers give up rule from London and accept Argentine sovereignty, according to two members of the Islands' Legislative Council.

The offer, made at last week's talks between Britain and Argentina in New York on the ownership dispute, was Argentina's first direct appeal to the Falkland's 1,800 settlers. The settlers want the islands, 300 miles off Argentina's coast, to remain a British colony, but they are concerned at London's reluctance to assist their cheen.

miles off Argentina's coast, to miles off Argentina's coast, to remain a British colony, but they are concerned at London's reluctance to assist their sheep raising economy which is in a slump.

Mr Adrian Moak and Mr Stuart Wallace; settlers who went to New York as part of Britain's delegation, returned there on Saturday and met the rest of the Fakkland Islands Council They told reporters on a different legal system from yours, different customs, a different customs, a different customs, a different told us all those talks would be held after a new rest of the Falkland Islands from yours, different customs. Council They told reporters on a different form of education. Sunday that the next round of And they told us all those talks would be held after a new eight-man council, to be elected by November, decided whether only thing they wanted was to accept some form of Argen-sovereignty.—AP.

and categorically denied that the Soviet Union was sending any weapons to the insurgents He suggested that Senator Jesse Helms, the chairman of the Senate subcommittee on the

the Senate subcommittee on the Western hemisphere who made the call, should instead read the list of Soviet proposals for arms control to which the Russians had still not received any reply from the West.

Mr Zamyatin rejected the contention by the West German Government that there was nothing new in Mr Brezhnev's call for a moratorium on the deployment of nuclear missiles in Europe, He said the new factor in the call was its proposal to freeze development both to freeze development both qualitatively and quantizatively and quantizatively—meaning that the Soviet Union would not go shead with the modernization as well as

the modernization, as well as the deployment, of its SS20

The Army could draw upon other units of the 8th Field Force and 6th Field Force too

if necessary—and fly them to some distant trouble spot in the enlarged Hercules, assuming

enlarged Hercules, assuming that there was a runway available. But the ministry has not been able to afford the special stockpile of food, fuel, ammunition and other equipment which the Army would like to establish on Salisbury Plain—so that a contingency force could draw supplies quickly without raiding. Nato-assigned stores.

stores.
The American Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) when formed, should be able to land

12,000 men within five days, in the Gulf or elsewhere. But the establishment of a British

establishment of a British RDF, trained for that role

considered.

Even if Britain could afford to build its own RDF, the pressures on money and man-power dictate that it could not hope to train for all the various kinds of operation in parts of the world as different and dictary as the Guif Zimbabwe

has never been seriously

The Russians, he went on,

Sydney, March 2.—Talks aimed at settling a crippling 17-day ground staff strike against the Australian airline Qantas talks had reached an impasse over a union demand that

The Australian Government today promised full financial support if Qantas had to shut

From David Watts Singapore, March 2

Singapore is quietly going ahead with a controversial plan

anead with a controversial plan to build a wax tableau depict-ing the British surrender to the Japanese 39 years ago. There is already a "sur-render chamber" with wax-work figures showing Lord Louis Mountbatten taking the

Japanese surrender at the end of the war. The new tableau

is to be built, like the present one, on the island of Sentosa off Singapore. The island al-

Sentosa attracts Japanese tourists and businessmen, many of whom visit the war museum. The surrender chamber has

The surrender chamber has two rows of light oak tables at which life-size wax models of the participants are seated: the allies on one side, the Japanese on the other. Lord Mountbatten, who liked to visit the chamber, is flanked by Lieutenant - General R. A. Wheeler, of the United States, and General Sir William Slim, all looking suitably triumphant. On the Japanese side, General Seishiro Itagaki, commander of the Seventh Area Army, is flanked by Lieutenant-General Heitaro Kimura, commander of the Burma Area Army, and Lieutenant-General A. Nakamura, commander of the Eighteenth Area Army, looking rather unshaven and dowacast.

memorabilia.

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need to establish a military were prepared to freeze equilibrium between East and modernization and deployment. West, since the latest report of their missiles in the Western from the Institute for Strategic part of the country if the part of the country if the Americans did the same with their forward-based systems while talks went on about a cermanent agreement

Mr Zamyatin criticized the West German Government for presenting their country as the "further of rearmament" of medium-range nuclear missiles. Meanwhile, the party congress today heard the remaining few speeches of delegates and visi-tors and approved the economic report of Mr Nikolal Tikhonov. the Prime Minister, with its details for the present five-year plan and guidelines of economic and social development until 1990.

This evening, there was a closed session when the party's Central Committee considered Central Committee considered nominations for membership and then, after a secret ballot, voted on membership of the policy-making body. The committee was expected to increase its membership by about 30 to a total of about 330 to take into account increased membership of the Communist Party throughout the country. The new committee

The new committee then voted on the composition of the rilling Politburo, whose 14 members had to put themselves up theoretically for reelection. Few if any changes are expected. The results will be given tomorrow, the final day of the

Attempts to settle Qantas strike fail

broke down today as the air force continued ferrying stranded passengers between Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Keith Hamilton, the Qantes chief executive, said Qantas give up its right to break strikes with staff from other departments while still retaining the union's right to



Tables turned: Mr Ed Koch, the Mayor of New York, spools the press with his own song and dance number at the city journalists' annual liner Circle show. Politicians are their usual butt.

### South Korea offers pardon to 5,000 TUC to set

President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea announced to-day that more than 5,000 poli-tical and other prisoners would tical and other prisoners would be given an amnesty tomorrow when he is officially inaugurated as President of the republic for the next seven years.

The amnesty offer came some hours after Amnesty International, the Landon-based human rights organization, had announced a new compaign for the release of about 500 policial prisoners in South Korea.

tical prisoners in South Korea, calling on President Chun to commute the death sentences on dissidents and to investigate allegations of torture in South In spite of the apparently significant timing. President Chun was not yielding to pressure from Amnesty International, for he had already let

ir be known that he planned an amnesty to coincide with his But the campaign may help to improve prison conditions by spotlighting unlawful deten-

Singapore project depicting triumph of Tiger of Malaya goes ahead

British surrender to Japan in waxwork show

General Arthur Percival surrendering on February 15, 1942.

tion and harsh treatment of prisoners. President Chin's new constitution promulgated last October, promulgated last octobe prison terms reduced.

The authosty offer will apply to many people involved in political disturbances under both the present and former regimes. Mr Kim Kye Won the latest President Park Chung. Hee's chief secretary, who was sentenced to life imprisonment

he will deal lenently with a further 83 people involved in the Kwangiu riots whose appeals including three against the death sentence are still pending final judgment.

But amnesty will not be ex-tended to the more than 550 former politicians who have been banned from all political activity for the nart eight years.

research the project.

"We were surprised at the sensitivity of the British", one

sensitivity of the Braish one of the corporation staff; said.

"We do not want in any sense to shame the British We just want to make the museum complete. The Japanese seem to have accepted events during the war as fact whereas the British have not."

Opinion in Singapore seems to be divided between those

### up fund for **Solidarity**

Hastery block Countries.
In London yesterday, Mr Lis, aged 28, a former shipyard engineer from Gdansk and one of Solidarity's two national

fie the protest Mr Edward Gierek protest Mr Edward Gierek the former Polish Communist Party leader, has protested against a smear cam-paign he claims has been con-

One newspaper published a report saying he had acquired an engineering degree in miling without passing an exam.

Air Gierek Protested in a letter to the party newspaper Trybung Resources that several thousand people had been given

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apartheid

Nairobi, March 2
President Daniel arap Moi opened the annual assembly of the laternational Press Institute here today, stressing the responsibility of the world's press in furthering the cause of social justice particularly by campaigning against apartheld in South Africa.

President Moi said it was wrong for Western countries to tolerate apartheid because they

egarded South Africa as important to Western security. The South African situation

The South African situation constitutes a direct and real threat to international peace and security has a duty to inhange that inhuman system the urgency of the matter camet be enaggerated."

Kenya, he said, did not hate South Africans it lared their resistance.

Ar the same time, he said, as a black man he was not proud of what was happening in Africa, where refugees were fleeing from one country to another. A common effort, by all those who love himanity, was useded to fight evil, from whatever torner it came.

The press was an essential instrument in the promotion of social justice including the inequitable distribution of wealth between the developed and the developing countries suspessed solutions, these were suspessed solutions, these world's resturces.

Mr. Oloo Aringo, Kenya's Minister of Information and Broadcasting complained that the developed countries had done little to help achieve changes in the world's information and communications systems. We have witnessed numerous attempts to stall the negociating process. The nations of the world are increasingly becoming more dependent on one another, It is on the basis

becoming more dependent on one another. It is on the bisis of this inter-dependence that the developing countries are

the developing countries are asking for changes, he said. In an address on The Press in the Third World, the Aga Khan told the assembly that the debate on a new information order should be resolved positively.

rively.

Discreding Unesto will not make the problem so away. If far many of you the present Unesco approach is so unpelatable, and you are convenced that acceptable solutions cannot be worked out in that forum, then it is imperative that you develop a practical alternative:

alternative.

"If you fail to do so, the issue will be lost by default", be said.

There was much discontent

Nairobi, March 2

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
The TUC is to set up a
120,000 support fund for Mr
Lech Walesa's Solidarity labour
organization after hearing that
independent unions in Potand
intend to work suthin the communist system.
The first fruits of talks held
yeaterday between the TUC
international committee and a
top-sanking Solidarity official.
Mr Boladan List will be helped
in fruits educational delegation
from a British educational
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delegation.

Mr. Len Murray, general seers tary of the TUC, is at might side stepped questions about help for other unofficial trade union movements in Eastern block committee.

or solidating two matches vice-presidents said the union would defend the rights of workers before the state and amployers. "We don't intend to create a new political party."

Today he will meet leaders of the sosioeering coal mining and transport workers sniens at the close of his four-day visit. He files home tomorrow.

ducted in newspapers to distractic him and mambers of his farmly (Desta Trevisan writes from Warsaw).

There was much discontent in developing countries over what was seen as a Western failure to respond adequately to calls for a new world economic order. The call for a new information order is linked to these economic aspirations. Efforts on the communications front could prove the West's willingness to try to correct those world imbalances which it recognizes and on which it thousand people had been given it recognizes, and on which it similar degrees under a law can have a significant impact", passed soon after the war, the Age Rhan said.

### Wife kidnapped by family rejoins her husband

From John Best

Onawa, March 2

An Algerian woman has re-turned with her French husband to Montreal nearly three years after it was reported that she had been kidnapped and spirited batk to Algeria to marry a mur she was betrothed to at birth.

birth.

Mrs Dalila Maschino, aged 29, said as the airport on her return that she was "very very happy" to be back.

Among those who met her and her husband Denis, and grove them to a Montress police station and questioned them for three hours concerning the abduction.

Mrs. Maschino; said she
estaped from her Algerian has band last week while they were on holiday in Geneva. She filed to Paris and telephoned Mr Maschino; who was visiting filewing to Algeria.

The jet was said to have been owned by her millionaire Montreal.
Mrs. Maschino's abduction in

Opinion in Singapore seems to be divided between those who feel the projected tableau will record an objective his torical fact and those who feel it will be a moniment to agression Many older. Chinese still remember with horror the years of Japanese occupation. Others who have lived so long new. With a large postwar Japanese community, have came to see the difference between today's salary-man' and the Kempel Tai (secret police) difficer who have lived so long new. With a large postwar Japanese community, have came to see the difference between today's salary-man' and the Kempel Tai (secret police) difficer who ran Singapore during the war.

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If the idea comes to fruition, the receive was relied soon after he received to be man Mrs. Maschino's abduction in April 1978 became an international incident. Mr Pierre
Trudeau, the Prime Minister, referred to it as a "crime", and instructed the Canadian Embassy in Algiers to make a protest.



owaed by her millionaire brother, who objected to her marriage to a Christian and insisted she become the bride of a Muslim professor to whom she had been promised at Birth. and instructed the Canadian Dalils and Denis Maschina Embassy in Algiers in make a mer in 1974 when they were profest both at the University of Algeris.

Young wife had been drugged A politic official said the rewhile visiting an aun's apart ment in Monreal, then taken round-the-clock protection in aboard a private fer in Darvet deficiely.

## looking rather unshaven and downcast. The tableau is inside an area ready for front-line role in surrounded by smoked glass through which tourists view the proceedings to the accompaniment of a commentary which does its best to make up for the humiliation of Lieutenant-General Arthur Percival, come mander at the time Singapore fell. In the background, the island's military history which is not lost. On the ourside walls tablets explain the ser-piece in both English and Japanese. Near by, photographs retell the story: Japanese troops pedalling cheap bicycles along expensive British-made roads down the Malay Peninsula towards the falled guns of Sisgapore pointing in the wrong direction. There they are in another photograph under a newspaper headline: "Malaya" accompanied hy British troops carrying the Malaya", accompanied hy British troops carrying the Union Jack and a white flag Union Jack and a white flag Union Jack and a white flag the outy photographs of the actual signing ceremony show the British party from the oldoubt, with an eye to all rear seated at a table with those Japanese tourists. It is part seated in form the strains of "Land of Hope and Glory" ensure that the point is not lost. On the ourside walls tablets explain the set-piece in both English and Japanese. Near by, photographs retell the story: Japanese troops to the surrender of the photograph was taken from the retrieval fluid the method the most protect stocks of coal for its photograph was taken from the retrieval fluid the method the most protect stocks of coal for its and large to spare General photograph was taken from the fluid the method the most protect stocks of coal for its and the story: Japanese troops the british devended in several fluid the method the most protect stocks of coal for its with a British troops carrying the unit flag. Accordingly, the corporation special fi Teenagers abandon their joints for the bottle

### Axe on Kenya teachers cuts British influence From Our Own Correspondent incder British aid achemes is dary schools. A substantial part process (at Britain's insistence) Nairobi Shoun 190, including only 47 in of Britain's aid programme to until the last two years, when Changing patterns in aid are in another year, the number teachers who were not avail part of Whitehall's economy The should be agreed to the standard of the part of the standard of the part of the p

Washington, March 2—
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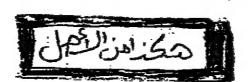
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### Consultations before use of rapid deployment force—Mrs Thatcher

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Margaret Thatcher, Prime Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, reporting to the House on her visit to the United House on ner visit to the onnea States last week, said that the reception she and Lord Carring-ton, the Foreign and Common wealth Secretary, received in Washington was warm and gener-by the Angla American of the Anglo-American relation-ship and to the excellent under-tranding which she and President Reagan had established even before either of them had assumed heir present responsibilities My talks with President Reagan

and members of his Cabinet (she and members of his Cabinet (she went on) covered all the most important aspects of the international scene. The discussions were particularly timely since the face Administration are still formulating their policy on many of the issues raised.

At this early stage in the new Administration's period in office there was, of course, no question of new commitments being entered into by either side. We exchanged views on East-

We exchanged views on EastWest relations as a whole and in
particular on the speech which
President Brethney delivered a
week ago. We agreed that it contains, hesides much that it unacceptable for Britain and America,
certain points which need to be
explained and explored.

This applies, for instance, to
President Brezhney's remarks
about arms control, which both
President Reagan and I see as
a necessary complement to
defence and deterrence.

On the Middle East, I explained

defence and deterrence.

On the Middle East, I explained the objectives of the European initiative stemming from the Venice Declaration of last June. I pointed out that this initiative was intended not to compete with american efforts but to complete with a mention. ment them. On southern Atrica, we agreed

to keep closely in touch, especially in relation to Namibia—a problem to which the United Nations is increasingly turning its On El Salvador, the Americans expressed their concern about the developing conflict and in particular made clear their opposition to the support which the guerrilla movement is receiving from ex-

ternal sources.
Lord Carrington and I indicated that the British Government shared the American view of out-side interference in the interna-tional affairs of El Salvador. We explained that we condemned violence from whatever quarter it came and that we considered that the people of El Salvador should he able to determine their own

The President and I discussed the threat to the stability and security of the Gulf and South-West Asia following the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan. I said warn about the perils which might that Britain shared the determina-tion of the United States, and of

our other allies, to prevent Soviet encroachment in this region.

We discussed the possible creation of a rapid deployment force which would be available for use, if necessary, in an emergency in this or other areas of the world.

This matter will be the subject of consultation. consultation.

made it clear that if such a force was created, the United Kingdom would be ready to contribute to it, in the same way as, in conjunction with the United States and France, we have already stationed naval units in the Gulf in response to the situation arising from the Iran-Iruq war.

In my discussion with Defence la my discussion with perence Secretary Weinberger, I pointed out that this year and last the United Kingdom had increased its defence spending in accordance with the Natu Larget. The Defence Secretary and I balance in defence purchases between this country and the United States. This would lead to

more effective use of the Alliance's resources. On all the matters we discussed President Reagan and the members of his Cabinet whom I met capte sed their intention of consulting even more closely and frequently than in the nast not only with Britain but also with America's other alite. Indeed this is already happening.

I naturally welcome the American intention, and I hope that are own visit will have contributed to depending the undernanding on which such consultation must always be based. Mr Michael Foot, leader of the opposition (Ebbs Vale, Lab), questioning the Prime Minister in her statement, said: Unfortunately she could not speak in the United States on behalf of a united nation unless that congtions and Conservative Jacque 201 she had changed both the tone and attitudes on a whole range of issues on which she canrested her view in the United States. On our own domestic affairs on which she gave several hout-lies in the United States, the most friendly advice she could have given them was not to fol-low her example. Did she not at any time raise with the Presi-dent the possibility of concerned action by the United States Government, the British Govern-ment and other governments to to take measures to defear

Does she not understand that on several matters of foreign policy, on El Salvador, on the neutron bomb, which I am sorry she did not mention to the House, and on measures she is apparently contemplating for dealing with the position in the Persian Gulf, one f the obligations and duties of a British Government should he to warn about the perils which might

try to take measures to defeat

the slump?

have been better, before making statements, if she lad discovered what would have been the reaction

to some of her statements in the Does she not appreciate that some of the greatest dangers to the United States would be to intervene at the wrong time in the wrong place on the wrong side? That is truly the lesson of Viet-nam which she does not seem to

On detente, we all appreciate that for it to be successful there have to be responses from the Sovier Union as well as from others, and that almost for the first time she has had to emphasize the need for arms control.

But does she not think it would have assisted the course of detente better had die not indulged in the United States in bellionse demander on a matter on which demander is most out of place.

Mrs Thatcher: He said I could not speak for a united nation. I could never speak for the leader of a party who believes in unilateral disagramment. party who believes in unitateral desarmation. (Conservative cheers). As long as that happens, I am afraid the United States view is that the defence of this country would not be safe with such a party, nor the defence of the West.

West.

On domestic affairs, we did discuss with a number of people, including the President, the problems of world recession. Some United States industrialists believe there will be an expansion during, the second half of this year, as indeed we hope and believe there The origins of the world reces-sion were the sharp increases in oil prices in the last 18 months. This matter is discussed fre-quently and is discussed between

quently and is discussed between heads of government, including those in Europe. The question is easier to pose than to find a solution to when we get regular Opec meetings and oil prices go up. Prices of oil in dus country from the North Sca were fixed by Mr Foot's government to be at world prices. That is in grante.

On El Salvador, we made a statement before leaving; it is available in full, We have made clear that we fully understood the strategic importance of the region of Central America to the United States. For the rest, I stand by the statement we published, which was welcomed in the United States. On the neutron bomb, no pro-posal has been put before us and the United States has said any

further move will be the subject of consultation with the allies. On a rapid deployment force, in last Defence White Paper in the

Mr Pym, when Secretary of State for Defence referred to it in the debate on October 28. There is nothing new in that, The possibility of a rapid deployment force is being considered. If we have one, at least we could respond to requests when trouble arises the world over. If

tround arises the world over, if we have not, we cannot, and by that time it would be too late to create it.

I recognize what Mr Poot says about detente, it must be fully reciprocated and I am sorry he does not wholly share my view.

On arms control the Note deet. does not wholly share my view.
On arms control, the Nato decision on theatre nuclear forces was accompanied by a recommendation
that arms controls talks should be entered into immediately. One such meeting was held. So far there have been no more,

We both recognize, together with our European allies, the importance of that. We also recognize the Soviet Union is way ahead of this country, Europe and the United States. It is time that we, to deter, had a similar capability unless theirs is to be substantially unless theirs is to be substantially

reduced.

Mr Foot: On the rapid deployment force, if we were so much ahead of the rest of the world on the subject, why could we not have had proper consultations with the countries involved? Why is it these countries are the first the best countries are the first the best countries. is it these countries are the first to be protesting at what she and apparently President Reagan said? On El Salvador, Mrs Thatcher says she stands by the statement she made carlier which was not satisfactory. Is she apposed to United States intervention there, or is it only one-sided intervention to which she is approved?

On determe and the statement of Mr Brezhney, when is it likely some progress will be made in

some progress will be made in establishing a conference in which these matters can be discussed? Mrs Thatcher: With regard to El Salvador, we stand absolutely to stop the large supplies of arms, to the guerrillas. I cannot get into the position of commenting on each and every actricy of the United States. It would be improper to do so.

On the capacity to operate out-side the Nato area, this matter was dealt with in the Defence in the 1880s White Paper. We said the Government believed the Serthe Government neneved the services should also be able to operate effectively outside the Nath areas without diminishing our central commitment to the ereas without commitment to the alliance.

Certain improvements to the commitment to

Services are being considered. Such improvements could be

concerned in protecting the free-dom of the West when that free-dom may be challenged anywhere in the world, unless we consider the creation of a rapid deploy-ment force, we deny ourselves the capacity to meet that threat. I can understand that Mr Foot may never wish to have the capacity to meet the threat. We had a conference on detente

We had a conference on detente in Madrid, but hecause the Soviet Umor is spil in full force in Afghanistan that was not a success. The best thing that could happen for the future of detente is for the Soviet Union to with-Mr Foot: On the deployment force, does she not think that the Countries involved have a right to be consulted? Mrs Thatcher: Yes. That is

exactly why I said in the state-ment that this matter will be the subject of consultation. Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavi-lion, C): Many Conservatives have the defence of the West depended on defence of the periphery, in-cluding the Gulf and southern Africa. We well understood the difficulty of the Government in giving effect to our advice so long as the American Administration was vacillating as in the past.

I ofter my congratulations on her having at once grasped the opportunity to align ourselves wholeheartedly with the American Administration in saying we would not only support, but jum in the defence of our exential interests in wherever else in defendi freedom of the free world. Airs Thatcher: This has been the subject of considerable debate for

that direction. It is right that with our allies we should discuss the possible creation of such a force. Its use would depend on consultation in

the area. Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party (Rochurgh, Selkirk and Peebles): While it is right to be suspicious of Soviet motives and demand their withdrawal from Alghanistan, there is a growing generation deeply worried at the waste of resources on the arms race on both sides of the Iron Curtain and the habit of world leaders in keeping each other at arms length, in personal ignorance, and murual hostility.

Mrs Thatcher and the President should recognize that the way to defeat the march of world communism is not to give aid and comfort to other totalitarian regimes, but to demonstrate their

world policenian.

Mrs Thatcher: Our first duty is
to protect our own freedom and
that of the western alliance.

There would be no western way There would be no western way of life unless we were prepared to defend it. If we do not and trouble arises we should be the first to be criticized.

Some of us have lived through that period before. So long as this Government is in power this will rever hancen again.

never happen again. will never happen again.

With regard to disarmament talks, we all agreed we would like to be able to defend at a lower level of balance. Of course we do. I wish some people who feel as strongly as we do, would also direct their criticism to the Soviet Union which gives 13 per cent of its gross national product to increasing armaments year after

On the defeat of the march of world communism, our first duty to freedom is to proclaim our Mr Norman Alkinson (Hacingey,

Mr Norman Alkinson (Harinzey, Tottenham, Lab): Her hawk-like utterances in the United States have brought nothing but shame upon the British people. (Con-servative protests.)
It is now the duty of the House of Commons to apologize to the American people and to say her statement in regard to the neutron bomb and the rapid deployment force in no way represents the majority view of the British people.

Mrs Thatcher: I leave statements

which reflect the shame of the British people to Mr Atkinson. He is an expert.

Sir Hugh Fraser (Statiord and Stone, C): I compliment Mrs.

Thatcher on her robust performance in the United States and welcome her statement that the European initiative in the Middle Facility complementary to that of Fast is complementary to that of the American Government, which I understand to mean the European initiative is now behind the Camp David initiative and will not

Camp David instative and will not diverge from that.

Mrs Thatcher: On his first point, we are a staunch ally of the United States and a staunch believer in the defence of freedom. On this side of the House we are robust in that belief and shall continue to be so. On the Middle East initiative at Venice, I did point out it was meant to be complementary to the

linited States negotiations and not competitive in any way. The United States is considering how to take forward its negotiations. I doubt if much will come out until after the Israeli election. Mr Robert Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lah): It is had en-ough that the Prime Minister has spread despondency and fear across the whole of the United Kingdom for the million people

power days of this country years behind us. Does she vanother diversion like Sucz? Mrs Thatcher: We have some ships in the Gulf area for the

defrace of the freedom of navigation which is vital to the western world. Those ships were welcomed by the Gulf states and are still welcomed to keep open the Strait of Hormuz.
Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury,

O: As a result of her talks with President Reagan, is he now com-ing to the view that while no settlement in the Middle East can come about without American involvement, the European initiative necessary too? While military strength is neces-

sary in that area it is not a sub-stitute for intelligent diplomacy and political initiatives on the lines proposed in the Venice com-Mrs Thatcher : Sometimes military strength is required when political

and diplomatic initiative have failed. We have to try. That also comes about when tyrants who are well armed have their way. It can also come about through sub-We continue with every single political and diplomatic effort to try to solve these problems in the Middle East. Our efforts are to be

complementary to those of the United States. The Middle East problem could not be solved except with the United States. Mr Greville Januer (Leicester, West, Lab): Is it not correct that the United States rejected the need for a European initiative based on the Venice declaration largely because it suggested the involvement of the PLO without its prior resusciation of terror and without prior recognition of and without prior recognizion of the right of Israel to exist behind secure and recognized frontiers? Mrs Thatcher: Mr Janner is just not right about the Venice de-claration. The Venice declaration made it quite clear that the Palestiman people would have to accept Israel's right to exist he hind secure boundaries, and also that Israel would have to re-cognize the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people.

That was at the absolute basis of the Venice declaration. I take it very ill from Mr Janner if he is not aware of this. Mr David Watkins (Consett, Lab): Were there any consultations with the governments of the Gulf countries before she made her public statement in America?

Are any consultations now pro-posed to try to rectify the damage she has done to Britain's Gulf Mrs Thatcher: The possible creation of a rapid deployment

When the says she is against the threats were coming outside and that the microenton in El Salvador, is she against Arterican intervention in El Salvador, is she against Arterican intervention on the Persian Gulf it would not be been better, before making statements, if she had discovered what would have been the reaction outside the make particular arrange.

When the says she is against the threats were coming outside at relatively modest that with cuts in overseas aid, she came to power and those who said in increasing the special or overseas students from pond under Nato command outside the Nato alliance itself cannot respond under Nato command outside the Nato alliance itself cannot respond under Nato command outside the Nato alliance itself cannot respond the feet of overseas students from pond under Nato command outside the Nato alliance members may themselves that if people are truly statements, if she had discovered who had jobs when the Nato area and that the Nato alliance itself cannot respond under Nato command outside the Nato alliance members may themselves the bad discovered have to make particular arrange.

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We are talking about the pos-sible creation of a rand depley-ment force—ia Labour MP: "Consultation")—to meet possible trouble arising in the world. We do not need to consult, except with our allies, about --(Labour protexs)--ine possible creation - (Interruptions). Of course, if it were created we would need to consult with the host countries about its use. Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C): Is it not deeply disturbing that not a single Labour MP has had a good word to say for our allies? (Conservative cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: I auree, but occasionally they do snow them-selves in their true colours. (Renewed Conservative cheers), hir Foot: We on this side have been firm friends of the United been firm friends of the United States for many long years. (Labour cheers and Conservative laughter). We do not need any lectures from Conservatives MPs (Further Labour cheers). Sometimes the best course is for friends to speak out.

Could she clear up the question of the Gulf? Is she now saying that she intends to have the consultations which should have taken

sultations which should have taken place before?

On all the evidence, it seems that many people in El Salvador have been murdered, or are in danger of being murdered, by arms important the state of the salvador. of being murdered, by arms imported from the United States? What is wanted there is mediation of some sort. (Conservative interputions). Some Conservative MPs do not care a dama about the murders in El Salvador, (Labour cheers).

Did she have discussions with Did she have discussions with President Reagan to see whether we could have some mediation, as has been suggested by the West German government? Should she not have given her support, if she wanted to defend the freedom she prates so much about? Mrs Thatcher: With regard to the earlier question, the statement I read out was perfectly clear. I do not understand why he perdo not understand why he per-sists in further cross-examination. With regard to El Salvador, of course one is concerned about murders, violence and belp from r quarter it comes. we continue to make it clear.
We continue to make it clear that the people of El Salvador should again be able to be free to decide their own future. One of the immense problems at pre-sent is the large amount of arms getting through to the guerrilla forces.

With regard to the reported initiative of the West German government, we have not been informed of any such initiative.

#### Gulf states have nothing to fear

After Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, had repeate the Prime Minister's statement on their American visit, he said there was nothing said or done in Washington about which anyone in the Middle East or in Britain should have any doubts.

Lord Carrington was replying to a question from Lord Goronwy-Roberts (Lah) who said the idea of committing the United King-dum to a rapid deployment force in the Gulf, seemed to be rather in the Gulf, seemed to be ramer only iously un-thought-out beforehand. The question of intervention in the Gulf was complex and sensitive. Britain was, it seemed, committed to joining with the Americans in providing a force to intervene in the Gulf.

Within hours of this being known, he said at least three of Britain's best friends in the Arab world reacted in a hostile if not world reacted in a nostile it dot an abusive fashion. This was not the best way to help the legiti-mate and vital interests of Britain in the Middle East.

Lord Gladwyn (L): Liberals have reservations about the rapid de-ployment force. We doubt the playment force. We doubt the desirability of sending out any such force, either on the part of the Americans or ourselves.

The Russians show no present intention of advancing towards the Gulf. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the balance of power in the area might be upset as a result of revolutionary movements or by the arrival of any ubstantial Nato force, even transed there would be agreement a Nato on its despatch. of advancing towards the

Lord Carrington : The rapid de ployment force has been a matter of consultation and discussion over a period of time. It was originally the idea of President Carter's Administration and the Americans have been considering it since then.

The point about rapid deploymem is not that it is stationed in any area outside the United States or Europe but that it is deployed rapidly. There would not be a physical presence.

The idea is that since the Nato Treaty is restrictive in its opera-tion and undoubtedly there are incidents around the world which affect the West and the Naro countries, it is a good idea to tee how it is wise to respond in tertain cases to prevent any further Soviet aggression. It teems to me this is a sensible

There are no commitments emered into. All of us ought to think carefully about how best to deal with a situation like Afghani-

I do not believe that our neigh bours and friends in the Gulf need have any fear that it is directed at them or that there will be any action taken in their defence for which they do not ask.

This is a matter for consultation, as the statement said. I do not think that there was anything said or done in Washington about which anyone in the Middle East or in this country should have any doubts.

Parliamentary notices

or prejudiced.

This was a big improvement in the Bill and he boped it would remove a considerable amount of disquier. The sledgehammer of contempt proceedings should only a brought where really necessary. House of Commons
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Toney zt 2.50: Water Bill, second feating, Industry Bill, committee, behate on privation of certain local authority functions. be brought where really necessary.

GLC Bill through The Greater London Council (General Powers) (No 2) Bill was read the third time,

### Law must uphold public confidence in courts

A balance had to be struck be-tween the competing interests of the right of the public to be fully the right of the public to be fully informed, as had been stressed by the press, and the right of the citizen to a fair trial, civil or criminal. Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, said when he moved second reading of the Contempt of Court Bill, which has passed the House of Lords.

Sir Michael Havers (Merton, Wimbledon, C) said that the law of contempt was not to protect the dignity of the law but the fundamental supremacy of the law.
The Bill included many recommendations of the Phillimore Committee on Contempt of Court but since that committee had reported in 1974, other events had occurred. like the decision of the European Sunday Times case in 1979, as a result of which the need for reform had increased rather than

diminished.

There seemed to be feeling in some quarters that the committee's recommendation should be regarded as a form of Holy Writ whose every dot and comma had to be carried out. Without detracting from the report, it was the Govern-ment which must take ultimate responsibility and decide which proposals to lay before Parliament. Mr Geolfrey Johnson Smith (East Griostead, C): It has a right to make up its own mind, but there is profound concern in the media, and particularly in Independent Television News about the provi-sion that the recognized time of sion that the recognized time of arrest rather than the time of charge should be the time from which strict liability or contempt should begin to run, and no reasonable argument has been

sonable argument has been adduced by the Government for going against Phillimore in that.

publication; that the test of breach publication; that the lest of breach should be more narrowly defined, and that it should be within defined limits in relation to the proceedings in question.

It had suggested they should get away from the "Imminent" provi-

In The Sunday Times case it had

the court.
The Philimore committee's recummendation for England and

Sir Michael Havers: The Phillimore decision was completely shown up for its dangers by what happened in the Sutcliffe case.

The committee had, broadly speaking, made three recommendameterial could be directed.

point from the time an arrest was

conference was called in circumstances which flew in the face of decency, if not law. The press in England and Wates only took their cue from this conference. It was

The press was rightly concerned with the difficulties of the present proposal. It replaced in their view

one uncertainty with another. Despite the defences available, the

position would put the press in peril because they would not necessarily know of the arrest or the issue of the warrant.

There would be the problem of where a warrant had been issued, but not carred because of the directions.

but not served because of the dis-

appearance of the person con-

acceptance by way of amendment that strict liability should be con-

fined to publications which created a substantial risk that the cause of justice would be seriously impeded

His understanding of what Miss

Harman, a solicitor, did was to show a reporter documents that were read. What was difficult for

the public to understand, given the

He welcomed the Government's

follow closely after arrest.

the system that broke down.

been laid down that it would be wrong to prejudge an issue, Pre-judgment of the ourcome of a case had become a test for contempt Judgment of the outcome of a case had become a test for contempt and it was that which had been critized by Phillimore and the European Court of Human Rights. The Government view was that implementation of Phillimore would suffice to bring the law of contempt into line with article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights as interpreted by

Wales on criminal proceedings was that the strict liability rule should apply from the time that the accused was charged or the summons was served.

This Bill instead provided for strict liability to run from the arrest, the issue of a summons, and so on. It had been pointed out in the press and elsewhere that that was a significant departure from the committee's recommendations. Ir should be remembered that when the committee considered the

Bill, it was the only possible alter-native to what the committee recommended. The committee had balanced.

He was sure that the proposal in the Bill was right. The decisive factor in his mind was that it was at the moment of arrest, or the issue of a warrant or summons, that the identity of the suspect became known. It was in relation to the person as much as to the

account of the suspect's past his-tory, especially if it was unsavoury applied at that stage did not seem and it included previous convic-to have inhibited the press in these

and it included previous convic-tions.

Once the identity of a suspect was known, he could be seriously prejudiced by publication of alleged facts linking him with the crime—facts which might be at issue at the trial, and facts alleg-edly connecting him with other

All that could happen before the suspect was charged and would not be restrained under the Phillimore

proposal.

Perhaps the most striking example that would be seen for many years was the publicity that followed the arrest of Mr Sutcliffe before he was charged.

That (he said) was a case of a good deal of prejudical publicity after the arrest and before the charge, and in the Phillmore proposals there would have been no restraint on that kind of public. no restraint on that kind of publicity until charged.

Anybody who made the comments that were reported in that case was in breach of the existing

law because at the moment the existing law imposed strict liability when proceedings were imminent and they clearly were imminent in that case.

The defence that was provided the limit of the control o lay in Clause 3 which reenacted the defence of innocent publication. Under it, it is publisher did not know or had no reason to suspect

whether proceedings were active, be had a complete defence to a charge of breach of the strict liability rule.

A difficulty raised about the starting point was that it would inhibit the press in publishing warnings issued by the police about a particular suspect for whom a warrant had been issued.

It was right that the police should be able to warn the public through the press that a particular suspect was dangerous and should not be tackled. It might be they

respects.

It was right some restraint should be exercised. Therefore, continued application of the law at that stage might be a good thing. But the press had nothing to fear from publishing in reasoned terms anything which might assist in the apprehension of a wanted man, and be hoped they would continue to perform this public service.

Another aspect of the starting point was that relating to appellate proceedings. If the Bill became law, the effect would be to disapply the strict liability rule to the period, after the proceedings at first instance were concluded and before notice of appeal was given.

It would be anomalous to exclude any class of proceeding

It would be anomalous to exclude any class of proceeding from the test laid down in the Bill. The new test in Clause 2(2)—that the strict liability rule applies only to a publication which creates substantial risk that the course of substantial risk that the course of fustice in the proceedings in question will be seriously impeded or prejudiced—represented a considerable tightening of the existing law and required account to be taken of the fact that senior judges would be influenced much less easilies then structure or a furn.

would be influenced much less easily than witnesses or a jury.

The administration of justice depended in an important degree on the confidence the public had in it and one of the purposes of the law of contempt was to uphold that confidence. Of particular importance was the confidence of lingants that they would get a fair hearing.

The Government disagreed with the Phillimore view, which doubt-less had in mind The Sunday Times and the thalidomide case, on the matter of pressure put on litigants.

The Bill stuck the right balance between the freedom of the press and the need to uphold the integrity of the administration of jus-

#### **Police** accused of spying on immigrants

House of Lords Government should look into allegations that the police were trying to use persons scaled in the United Kingdom to spy on alleged illegal entrants, Lord Avebury (L) said during questions.

Lord Avebury asked the Government to look into allegations that police officers used threats against a person of overseas origin, settled in the United Kingdom, to persuade him to inform on other

Was the Government satisfied that the Metropolitan Police were having due regard to the Home Office letter of December 12, 1980, Office letter of December 12, 1980, in which it stated that "the enforcement of the immigration laws is among the most delicate of the tasks which the police have to perform and the Home Secretary appreciates that chief officers are abxious to see that it is performed with tact".

Lord Beistead, Under Secretary, Home Office: I am not aware of the case referred to. It would not in any case be appropriate for the Government to investigate such allegations against the police. It is open to suy person to make a complaint to the chief officer of the police force concerned, who will arrange for it to be investigated in accordance with the sta-

the Metropolis is conscious, in this and in other areas, of the need to strike the right balance between enforcement of the law and the maintenance of good race rela-

Lord Avebury: How can the Home Lard Avebury: How can the home secretary appreciate that chief officers are anxious to see their tasks performed with tact, when he does not make any inquiries what so ever about allegations of a serious nature which have been submitted to him?

in the case of this particular individual, he was twice held in a police station for lengthy periods, although he was not suspected of any offence, and tape recordings of conversations he had with the police showed they were inviting him to assist them in informing them of persons who were allegedly illegal entrants or overstayers.

Is this in accordance with this

Lord Belstead: I do not understan the meaning of the question. The Home Secretary carried out a review in consultation with the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and the Association of Chief Officers into procedures for

#### Eisteddfod to get finance

Part of the additional 5500,000 of 1981-82 would go to the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, Mr Wyn Roberts, Under Secretary of State for Wales, said during ques-tions.

the £500,000 would be used to pro-vide grant support for the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, to assist Urdd Gobalth Cymru with new development at their camp at Llangrannog, and to increase the grants to Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin, the Welsh Books Council and Bwrdd Ffilmiau Cymraeg.

The Secretary of State for Wales (Mr. Nicholas Edwards) had conditionally mentioned financial company. tionally promised figancial support for the Nant Gwrtheyra Trust. Details of the grants to be made next year would be published at the time of publication of the pub-

### Lengthy civil cases may be tried without juries

To allow solicitors, to become judges of the High Court was calculated to create ill-feeling between the two branches of the legal profession, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said during the committee stage of said during the committee stage of the Supreme Court Bill.

He was replying to Lord Mischon (Lab) who moved an amendment to Clause 10 (Appointment of judges of Supreme Court) to allow circuit judges who were solicitors to be appointed to the High Court pench, in addition to barristers of bench, in addition to barristers of 10 years' standing, as the Bill pro-

Lord Mischon said it was wrong to Lord Hallsham of St Marylebone

sold the amoudment would be a breach of the principle upon which High Court judges were selected. It was calculated to create ill-feeling between the two branches of the profession upon whose friendly cooperation the smooth working of the system of justice ultimately depended. The present system was the more

satisfactory one—that 10 years' practice in the High Court should be the test of what became a Righ Court judge.

The amendment was wirhdrawn. Lord Roskill moved an amendment to Clause 68 (Trial by Jury) to provide an additional exception to the absolute right of trial by jury in certain civil cases where the probable length of a trial made the action one which could not con-veniently be tried with a jury.

relieve juries from an intolerable burden which they had from time to time to put up with in the High Court. Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls, said long cases did put a burden on the jury which was unfair, and it should be right that the judge should have discretion from the beginning to say whether the case should be tried by a judge alone, Lord Hallsbam of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said he would accept the amendment. Service on the jury was compulsory for those who were not exempt. There was a case at the moment going on in pleadings were closed, it was com-mated would last three days. The estimate changed before the case came on to six or seven weeks. In fact it started on October 6 last year and it was still going on. The judge had to tell the jury that instead of the seven weeks, they would be expected to abandon their business to do a ful-time job and it was likely to be Whitsun before they were released from

their task.

It was no good enough in 1981 It was no good enough in 1981 for two parties who happened to disagree about a matter of civil lidgation to be able to compel the attendance of 12 of their fellow-countrymen to sit from October in one year to Whitsun in the next to listen to their case.

The amendment was agreed to The amendment was agreed to

House adjourned, 9.06 pm.

#### Need for uniform approach on contempt The Bill was bred and plirased before the Sutcliffe affair broke in the press and if liability began at the time of arrest the police and press were already doing something wrong but this did not stop the press reporting what they felt they had a right to report. The law must be founded on common sense. If the press were asked to get with restraint which Mr John Morris, chief Opposition could still be held that this was a spokesman on Legal Affairs, contempt, indeed a serious con-(Aberavon, Lab) said in so far as tempt. It was unfortunate, too, that the burde nof proof should be put onto the shoulders of the defendant. This was an Alice in Wonderland situation and there would be an attempt to remedy it during the committee stage. The Harman case endorsed the need for uniformity of approach and for the consent of the Attorney General before such proceedings were brought. this Bill replaced uncertainty with certainty, they welcomed it. However, concern had been expressed about the time at which strict liability for contempt began in criminal Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) said he was against the Bill. It was a Bill drawn up by lawyers to deal with what had become fundamentally a social The Bill proposed a starting

made, or the issue of a warrant or summons. In most cases, there would be little practical difference because the charge would usually The wider umbrella for the concept of strict Eability for contempt had created a reduction in the freedom of expression.

With proper safeguards very widely drawn, they should look closely at the need to protect sources of those responsible for publication. In a free society the public had a right of access, the same protectable to informat wherever practicable, to informa-tion, particularly in the public sec-

the vigilant free press which frequently the only ones with the The practice of the courts in seeking where possible to avoid questions being put to journalists to disclose their sources should be

There were, from time to time,

matters of great concern which should be investigated and it was

put on a statutory basis. Mr Percy Grieve (Solihull, C) said he welcomed the proposal that criminal proceedings were to be regarded as active once the initial steps had been taken and that that might be arrest without warrant. Mr Samuel Silkin (Southwark, Dul-

wich, Lab) said he thought the with, Lab) said he indugit the decision to bring proceedings in the case of Harriet Harman was entirely wrong. He did not think that if the Attorney General had been consulted the proceedings would have been brought. Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith (East new and changed character of the Bill these documents when they were read out in open court, was how it reporter.

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asked to act with restraint which fought against their basic interests to inform the public, the law would break down. Supposing Ra-bility ran from the time of errest. It might be some time before the times impossible for journalists to establish if a person had gone to the police station to help, in the well-word phrase, or if he had been arrested. Reporting could be

Extending contempt law to proceedings of all inferior courts, tri-banas and bodies was unaccep-

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) sald Harriet Harman was a young lady of ability well above the ordinary. She took exceptional care that she did not breach the law as she understood it at the As she understood the law so did

he, It was that if a document was read out in open court the fact that

that document was written later could not conceivably be contempt For her to be dragged before the court, told she had committed a serious contempt, mulcted of costs, personally criticized by judges in wounding terms, and then criticized even more by the Lord Chancellor, was an unjust imposition. He could not find words to encompass his distaste for what

Mr Keith Best (Anglesay, C) said he had misgivings that it was to be the Attorney General who would Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith (East Grinstead, C) said he approached the Bill with his experience as a might tale one view but his successor might take a different view. The Bill was really about open

government. It was about how much the public was allowed to know from the High Court. In issue after issue it dealt with the matter for the convence of lawyers rather than the convenience of the public. The only reason the Bill was before the was because the Government had lost at Strasbourg. In-

stead of seizing what could be a real opportunity to open up the courts in much the same way as Parliament had been opened up, the opportunity had been taken to restrict the freedom of the press. Mr Peter Archer, an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs (War-ley, West, Lab) said there had been adverse criticism from The Times and other newspapers and legal journals on the time at which proceedings became active. It was important, where sanctions would be imposed, that those concerned should know with maximum cer-tainty when they were at risk.

It was not always easy to know when someone had been arrested because they might have been at the police station some little time. The debate was taking place against the background of the Sutcliffe case but there was a danger of overreacting to a single case. Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, Solicitor General for Scotland (Kinross and West Perthshire, C) said that where the press or media were asked to assist in the apprehension of a person there would be no question of them being ugility of

The Bill was read a second time by 137 votes to 25—Government

House adjourned, 10.40 pm.

forfty, 112.

Mr Roberts (Conway, C) said that

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### An incomparable display of Schinkel's architecture

Karl Friedrich Schinkel Altes Museum, East Berlin

José Clemente Orozco Orangerie, Schloss Charlottenburg

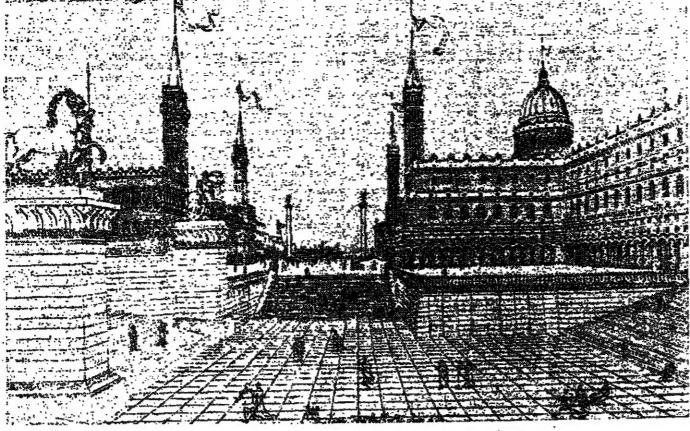
Art Treasures from China Museum fur Ostasiassische Kunst, Dahlem -

K. H. Hödicke: Bilder 1962-1980 Haus am Waldsee.

There are many exhibitions which are virtually unaffected by the surroundings in which you see them: the great inter-national rouring exhibitions of the past few years are mostly designed to recreate their own little world in any environment which offers at least the minimum amount of space required. But there are others which on a particular rividness take on a particular vividness and significance from one specific setting—whether it is C. R. Ashbee in Cheltenbam, surrounded by his contemporary Cotswold craftsmen, or Olbrich in Vienna in the art nouveau house of the Secession he himself designed for once wholly consonant inside and wholly consonant inside and out. A perfect example is currently on show (until the middle of April) in East Berlin, where the bicentenary of Schinkel's birth is being very grandly celebrated with a show which reflects his many-sided talents to the full, occupying the whole ground floor of his Altes Museum in the midst of the formal and cultural centre

of old Berlin he conceived and laid out.

It is not so much that an impressive Schinkel exhibition could not be laid on in West Berlin: since just about every-thing that happens in Berlin has automatically to be doubled to show that neither half has a clear lead over the other, it will come as no surprise that West Berlin is busy planning its own bicentenary tribute with two complementary shows, due to open this month. They will no doubt be stronger on the paintings, since many of the finest examples of Schinkel's romantic and visionary landscapes are in the West. But for coverage of Schinkel's major architectural work the collection of drawings in the DDR's Staatliche Museen zu Berlin is absolutely incom-parable, much of his finest sur-



Schinkel: City Square by the Sea (after 1804)

and so, of course, are many of his most important buildings and pieces of city planning— some of them still, as a room of this show demonstrates, being slowly but surely restored to their former glory after war damage one would have imagined irremediable.

Schinkel is an extraordinary and very Prussian mixture. On the one band he was often the purest and most severe of neoclassical architects, producing buildings like the Altes Museum itself which are so immaculately regular and cor-rect they ought to be cold and inhuman, or drawings of his own buildings and imaginary own buildings and imaginary projects which are astonishing triumphs of sheer technique, using none of the conventional aids of cunning shading and trompe local effects, but rather doing everything by pure line and the play of formal preventing had not be called the children and the children and the children and the children are the children and the children are the children and the children are the children are the children are the children and the children are perspective. And yet his chil-liest set-pieces are full of a strange contradictory tension, something expansive and emo-tional all the more potent for the strictness with which it is held in check. And when you look at his paintings, or his projects in more fantastic styles, such as the towering gothic cathedrals or the bizarre semi-oriental palace he designed for the Czar on the edge of the Black Sea, or for that matter the elaborate stage settings he

production to have come out Italians and Greeks, all workof the very tight-knit company ing their hides off to get what that Bill Bryden created and that Bill Bryden created and the Cottesloe while he was still its

That meant enough money to a Sixpence through to Shakestop for a while and work out spearean tours of the outback
with not enough actors and no

McManus, currently to be "The Sydney Waterside anybody who'd seen the British found playing the lead in The Workers' Federation had a theatre even as remotely as I

Australia. The only son of a time and then gradually real theatre wes."

coal miner, he emigrated there drifted into acting. At the time they were about the only radities about travel broadening the least in Sydney terms: that Jagger film Ned Kelly for a mind, and as I'd had no educament a lot of Brecht and tion to speak of there didn't Brendan Behan and no White
"That came as a fair old

Crucible.

Now 45, McManus is like tised for painters and set- was no good Bryden a Scot, though one who started his theatre life in scenery for them in my spare had to come back Australia. The only son of a time and then gradually real theatre was."

It is the last lodging houses full of young

resident director, a company what we wanted to do with the which was also responsible for rest of our lives. Until you had such triumphs as the O'Neill the stake, cash in the bank,

seasons, Lark Rise to Candle nothing could happen. I've ford and The Passion. Of the never been so lenely, or dozen or so actors who made worked so hard. Until you go

up the nucleus of that com- somewhere away from home pany, developing over five you've no idea what un immi-

takably the Cottesloc's own adrift, trying to learn the rules

and unlike snything to be just by surviving."
found on either of the other. But in fact it was on the
National stages, none is more docks that McManus first got
representative than. Mark work as an actor:

seem to be much chance of my hall farces. Professional direc-making a living over here. I tors used to come and moon-

30 somewhere where light there for the chance to

a style that was unmis- grant feels like. You're totally

conceived for The Magic Flute and several even more exotic and irrational operatic enter-tainments of his own time, you can see just what it was in Schinkel's nature which created this striking ambivalence.

A romantic wolf in classical sheep's clothing, Schinkel is

shown off to perfection in the Altes Museum. Sections of the show are devoted to each of his projects, bringing scribbled sketches, together highly finished renderings. plans, photographs and models of the buildings with later depictions in the graphic media and photography. This way we can see in detail the evolunearby Berlin Schauspielhaus or the Neue Wache, and the whole rethinking of central Berlin which went on between 1815 and Schinkel's death in 1841. The drawings are won-derfully vivid and detailed (mercifully so considering the enormous amount of restoration which has been required and, thanks to these documents. can be carried out to the letter), while the models hold some surprises: who would expect an architectural model, for instance, to be carried out with jewel-like precision in ivory, mother-of-pearl

Mark McManus: the makings of a Cottesloe man

Throughout

with not enough actors and no

scenery:
"But when you hit the next

stop it was as though the circus had come to town. Festival time, everybody came.

Then I went back to Sydney, got

work in a commercial theatre

and used to walk through the

town in that silky 4am heat after the show wondering how Pd ever get back to England. The trouble was that

I knew I had to: at that time

had in Scotland knew that it was no good staying in Australia to be an actor. You

And when all of this is rein-forced with an almost complete range of Schinkel's beautiful watercolour designs for the stage, furniture of all kinds made from his designs, china and glass and sculpture and ornamental plasterwork, the result is an all-round picture of a complex and original artist who seems to become with the passing years closer and closer and more and more relevant to the needs and interests of our own time, firmly refusing to know and stick to his pigeon-hole in history. The only dis-appointment in the show is the absence of most of Schinkel's time to do them heaven knows); but at least the visitor from the West can conveniently return to the Nationalgalerie on the other side of the wall and lose nimself again in the mysterious depths of Schinkel's Gothic

West Berlin also at the moment contains a striking demonstration of the effect that a change of venue may have on an exhibition. The big have on an exhibition. The hig show of Orozco, recently seen of the show, selected examples of the monumental figures dug in this country at the Museum up in their thousands four of Modern Art, Oxford, is now at the Orangerie of the Charoff the "First Emperor of lottenbourg. The difference is China", Qin Shibuang Di,

There aren't many like him;

to his flat and promenade downstairs wearing the full

make-up and a kimono. It took Sydney months to recover from him."

with a stepson and a baby on the way) did return to Lon-

don, armed with nothing but his air fare and a vague intro-

Jagger film Ned Kelly for a get any stage work, and in the start:

"That came as a fair old worked for two theatres, the shock to the Australian system: Ishetwood and Tony land seems to be like that, full Brecht then that's OK. An Richardson out there in the of cliques and cortains, and actor's life should be doled out

McManus (by now married all.

Australia was then still a very how to laugh; you walk butch society and every morn-around the corridors of the

ing he used to open the door National now and you see all

astonishing. The dark and inward-looking gallery in Oxford was made to seem positively labyrinthine with interior walls and screens, and the darker more interespective later. darker more introspective later Occasion, painted when he had returned to Mexico and found the fruits of democracy disappointing, made their statement far more powerfully than the more extrovert, simplistic poli-tical nursls of the 1930s. In Berlin the space is simple, open and white, flooded with light, with a big slide-show of with a big slide-show of Orozco's large, untransportable works in the darkened dome halfway through. Here the broader effects carry most weight, and the more severe works go for relatively little. Impossible to say which arrangement is better, or more true to the artist; but one might certainly be seeing two quite different shows. The big attraction in West Berlin, however, is the show of Art Treasures from China which offers the first oppor-

tunity outside that country to see some key discoveries in the years since the Jade Princess was unearthed. The major excitement is the centrepiece

these directors bent double with the weight of their artis-

tic responsibilities and you think where's the fun? If you

can't laugh in rehearsal, then it's not worth being an actor at

course there dangers in the company sys-

tem: principally that when it breaks up the directors usually

tion of the context in which this sleeping army was found.

The sheer scale of this dig is mind-boggling, and the life-size figures of warriors and horses have a grand simplicity which has nothing at all to do with the primitive or naive. But, though they are inevitably the most striking part of the show, they should not blind visitors to other, smaller items dis-

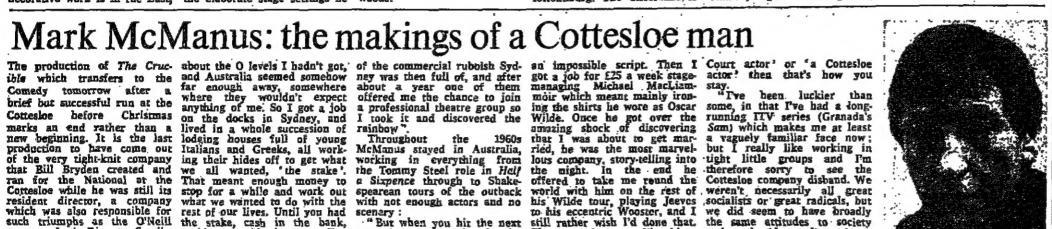
us into such fresh and exciting contact with works of exquisite grace and beauty that it will-ultimately be valued.

Last, as it provides some further background to the Royal Academy's New Spirit in Painting show, I should mention the retrospective at the Haus am Waldsee devoted to

of suggested landscape back-ground or interior, sometimes pure landscape. This show in-dicates very clearly how he arrived at his present position: the process is mainly one of simplifying and paring down. In the earliest paintings the

especially in a series of actionpacked triptychs. Later there are experiments in a sort of photographic realism (notably in several large pictures of street scenes distorted, apparmaterials, such as the chicken feathers which are stuck (pre-cariously?) all over the surface of one large monochromatic painting, and then back, enriched, to the most recent nudes and street scenes and evocations of show business.

Possibly Hödicke's work does
not cut very deep, but at least
a sheer delight in the process
of painting is apparent throughout his career, and that, in the rather grim context of recent German art, is by no means to



" But that doesn't mean it's intrinsically better to work in a small theatre for an already committed audience; why do a play for a hundred people when you can do it equally well for a thousand? The

Cottesloe company may be finished, but the National itself is still there and those of us real theatre was."

Not that McManus's life in Sydney was uneventful; he got life to controversial Mick Jagger film Ned Kelly for a start:

"That came as a fair."

That came as a fair. who were there at the begin-ning, when every day Fleet Street was firing all its guns over the river and it was like being at Verdun or in Fort Doom, have retained a certain affection for the place now that it's managing to run. A theatre is always better than the company occupying it at any one time. The theatre lasts longer than any company."

Sheridan Morley

#### under Antony Pay. Here was a work which denied the old major paintings (how he found ently, in uneven plate-glass windows), flirtations with weird tion of, for instance, the build-ing we are standing in, the

Cathedral by a River, trans-figured as it is by the light that never was on land or sea.

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they should not blind visitors to other, smaller items displayed all round, covering the whole length of Chinese history, the outside influences which occasionally made themselves, felt and the changes in religious and political attitudes which kept Chinese art, however unchanging a cycle of Cathey may seem to us, in a constant state of flux. Though the objects on display are all archeological discoveries of the past few years, it is right that the show should be called "art treasures", for finally, however educational a visit to the show may be, it is because it brings us into such fresh and exciting us into such fresh and exciting

tion the retrospective at the Haus am Waldsee devoted to the work of K. H. Hödicke since 1962. Hödicke has emerged in these years as one of the most effective of the new figurative painters in West Berlin. He deals in large, simple shapes, strongly but not unsubtly coloured: frequently human figures set in some kind of suggested landscape back-

expressionist elements are very clear, but so is the influence, which one should have guessed at but did not, of Beckmann,

John Russell Taylor

### Working at a life

Book review —

Aubrey Beardsley An Account of His Life By Miriam J. Benkovitz

(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95) How much life can be lived in 25 years anyway? Especially by one who, contrary to what by one who, contrary to what Wilde claimed of himself, kept his genius for his art and scarcely had time or energy to put even a modicum of his talent into anything else. All the same, the perennial fascination of Beardsley's art, and its apparent allusiveness as well as elusiveness, continue to keep biographers busy. All the experts on the Decadent Nineties seem to getting in their experts on the Decadent Nineties seem to getting in their two-cents-worth: Brian Reade, Stanley Weincraub in a surprisingly thick biography, Malcolm Easton in his interesting if inflated and too-speculative and now here is Professor Benkovitz, bibliographer of Firbank and biographer of Corvo, with her contribution to the still-expanding shelf.

It is a sober book. We are taken through all the ascertainable facts of Beardsley's brief life, from his artistically precocious childhood in Brighton to his sensational and hardly less precoclous heyday as the creative in most counts, on paper in the most counts, on paper in the most counts. It most counts the still us how. Presumably Beardsley's beat tell us how. Presumably Beardsley did not spend much of his life as a lesbian, or ever coupling with unicorns. And even someone with all the time des Esseintes's world for the exploration of unnamably vices could hardly have fitted was mostly or all in his prodictions.

precocious heyday as the crea-tor of the "Beardsley woman" and arbiter of Nineties taste, and so to his conversion to

and so to his conversion to Roman Catholicism and good death, repenting of "all obs-cene drawings", when still five months short of his twenty-

Sinfonietta/Pay Round House | Radio 3 Paul Griffiths The trouble all started with Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments, and so, too,

principle that music must make an orderly weave through time, a work which proposed instead a technique of cross-cutting and flashbacks, with elements that are self-contained and independent. The notion of continuous development was simply ignored, and composers were left with the challenge of finding new ways to give music impetus.

A curiously perky performance of the Stravinsky, sounding more like a convocation of birds

than the eastere liturgy of the composer's imaginings, was still a pertinent overture to two recent British pieces for chamber orchestra, Birtwistle's Silbury Air and Oliver Knussan's Coursing

sen's Coursing.
In what is one of his very finest works, Birtwistle de-velops the Stravinsky method of juxtaposition and overlap to an extraordinary degree, creat-ing an interlocking mesh of ideas — crackling fanfares,

move forward inexorably they gain more history and so become more complicated. Knussen's approach could hardly be more different. His did Sunday's excellent con-cert by the London Sinfonietta

supple woodwind polyphonies anguished high string line and mechanical tickings—that

it most counts, on paper in the form of art. It may be ques

tioned whether we shall need another life of Beardsley for some time if all it is going to do is tell us that.

John Russell Taylor

sixth birthday. It is mainly, as

one might expect, a caronicle of work done, for in his few years of feverish intensity Beardsley turned out enough

drawings to match the output of many who lived two or three times as long. Obviously

in most important respects, even down to how exactly he

spent the 24 hours of his day,

out provocative prospects:
"He has been accused of in-

He has been accused of incest with his sister, Mabel, and of nomosexuality". Yes, so; Professor Benkovitz's reply ends up as a guarded not knowing-can't-say. "From his Venus and Tannhauser", she remarks, "Beardsley's 5cxuality and his sexual practice can be assumed." But she does not tell us how. Presumably Beardsley did not spend much

work was his life, and that is all there is to it.

Admittedly, the jacket holds

piece begins with the instruments locked to a single rhythmic track, as strong and pliable as a ribbon of steel Already in these first moment he fulfils the expectations o powerfully directed energy and speed suggested by his title, bu he does more: he produces musical line which goes mos definitely forwards and which while faintly suggesting Messiaen, sounds completely new.

It sounds, too, like the intro duction to something more that the six-minute work we hear on Sunday. Coursing has grow since its first première nearl two years ago, but apparenti it still has some way to go. I ar not sorry, therefore, that a much passed by so quickly, the the texture split open an raced to its conclusion so fas like mercury running throug the fiagers. For surely Knusse will find ways to take up the ideas he plentifully lets loos here, including beautiful thing for solo trumpet, flute and the a group of strings. He has, we already know, a rare gift for the anti-Stravinskian straigh

resembles in atmosphere that o

the violin concerto, and the matter-of-fact conclusion tha

gave the LSO its head in the storm interlude, and provider considerate support for the singer, Phyllis Bryn-Julson, who

brought a generous force and delicate soft phrasing and

Those of us who remembe

Sibelius's first symptony a

have been surprised by the

rougher, more blatant orche:

tral sound favoured by Eerg

lund, especially in the firs

movement where the daunties

LSO trumpeters were given every encouragement, and the

rest of the orchestra drawi

nuance to her story-telling.

Beecham conducted

LSO/Bergland Festival Hall

William Mann

The recent exchange of conductors in our symphony orchestras is broadening the good work of specialists. The other day we heard Haitink interpreting Bruckner not with the LPO, but the Philharmonia, a different sound for us, a new experience for them. On Sunday, similarly, Paavo Berglund, no longer contracted to Bourne-mouth, was able to share his Sibelius readings with the Loadon Symphony Orchestra; be gave us the first symphony and,

comparative rarity, Luonnotar. The latter is also a curiosity. being at once a tone poem by description and a solo cantata (I am not aware of another such specimen). There is, actually, not much of descriptive symphonic music in it. The soprano narrates the Finnish legend of the virgin mother of the ocean who allowed a gull to lay eggs upon her knee, advertently let them slip, and thus brought the firmament into being. Sibelius sets the scene, provides an interlude for the bird's flight over stormy seas and, when the sung narration is over, stops abruptly.
Yet the music is perfectly
characteristic (the opening

away from sophisticates euphony. The design of the symphony was faithfully projected, though, and indeed this is, surely, the most garishly scored of Sibelius's symphonics as in bonesty this readin. admitted. We could have done with .

foreraste of such enthusiasn before the interval, when Id. Haendel played Elgar's violit concerto with sparkling bravur. and a sumpruous cantabile, bu without voluminous tone s that, in restraining the orches tra, the conductor fell into : gingerly approach to the impassioned music itself.

#### London debuts Julian Hellaby proved himself ple, about the significance of Spanish elements in "Alborada

they wouldn't keep asking me work on decent scripts instead bush trying to make sense of once they brand you as 'a by moments.

extremely fluent in an adven-turous, demanding programme, major and minor. Turandois the numerous hurdle of Men-Frauengemach is more than just deissohn's Variations sericuses appearing not to exist. Yer in this case exceptional mobility brought with it little feeling of superficiality, and the music's constant invention and high level of pianistic complexity made a strong impact. Also, Mendelesche with the feeling of the subtile to the original orchestral version of which reads "Des Mannes Wiegenlied am Sarge seiner Mutter", is more than simply a lullaby.

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romantic than usual.

Alas, Mr Hellaby's Busoni Alas, Mr Hellaby's Busoni also were its grace and del-was disappointing and ought to icacy. The sparkle of the finale

more than simply a lullaby.

Ravel's Songtina was better understood: the "Moderc's"

nervosity was apparent, but so bave sounded more mysterious. was of a fairly routine, undif-He needs to think, for exam- ferentiated kind, but the



del Gracioso" from Miroirs were nicely pointed. Mr Hel-

tentative, exploratory opening should have been stated less flatly. Mr Hellaby has a great deal of talent, but he must search more beneath the surface of things rather than let his facility carry him along. Not that this work's rare Not that this work quality was concealed.

Klara Baranyi started Haydn's Sonata Rob. NVI/31 well, the Moderato heing spry and immaculate, the sound clear yet well nourished. The Allegretto also was impressive, having an air of capricious, almost improvisatory freedom that well conveyed the music's sense of adventure. Only the Presto was insufficiently varied of the previous effect.
Schumann's Humoresque is a episodic piece, its

long, episodic piece, its dagnini violin, But perhaps sequence of moods difficult to that was due to Beethoven, hold together. Miss Baranyi's Musical momentum was perperformance had some aspiring ceptively maintained in the moments, but the fast passages other movements, although the were sometimes brusque, the Scheren's high spirits were slow ones not settled and not made to seem of an unduly inward enough; Schumann's strenuous kind. Schoenberg's performance had some aspiring moments, but the fast passages fanciful than they really are.

athletic piece is exhilarating in its kaleidoscopic mangeuvres and take-it-or-leave-it though unknown to The New Grove, is well able to draw impressive sonorities from the cal ideas are not exactly

memorable in themselves. The most successful of Miss Baranyi's readings, however, was of the Franck Prelude, Cuorale and Fugue, in which the music's somewhat plangent motionalism was handled discretion. At another level the rather organ-like textures were hald in check, and there was a strong sense of the meaning of individual notes and harmonies. But the approach was essentially spacious, the tone fuller and rounder than hith-

erto.
In the Adagio of the Sonata op 30 no 2 Rainer Geop made the Wigmore Hall's Steinway vayward thoughts seemed less Fantasy, op 47, is nothing if proiful than they really are. not strenuous, but the interpre- might be called a technical She was more attuned to tation, more secure than the debut — "inaugural concert"

Franz Blaimschein's Sonata of Beethoven and unmistakeably was the term used on the leaf-1975, which had its British pre-authoritative, suggested Miss let—in that although the mierc. This self-confidently Raphael's main sympathies lie players are all well known with such music. Even the most rarefied passages conveyed great intensity, and the richly detailed writing for both violin and piano was entirely subordinated to the shapely overall impression which this rmance desisively created. With Debussy's Sonata both players were again responsive to an elusive mode of discourse. Perhaps the outer movements' ocreated textures were sometimes made to appear heavier than they really are, but the "Intermede, with its volatile alterations of its volume anti-account wayward fantasy and mock was sonsitively vehemence, was sensitively judged. Jabonah, a ballet suite on Mongolian themes, by Miss Rapbael's father, Gunther Raphael's father, Gunther Raphael, arranged for violin and piano, was largely a mat-ter of folksy fragments deftly turned this way and that. In "The Robber Princess" the piano part suggested a dour forward-march around which the violin twittered rather inconsequentially. "The Pilgrim" was lyrical in a wandering sort of way. And there were other movements, all inconsulate composed operation. geniously composed, ontertaining and probably effective enough in their original theatrical setting. My other concert was what

players are all well known they had not before appeared as the Thamesis Trio. Christopher Taylor (flute), David, Theodore (oboe) and Leslie Pearson began with graceful and well turned pieces by Loeillet, C. P. E. Bach, Vivaldi, etc, performing them with long-practised skill and in particular a rhythmic alacrity pot always found in interpre tations of such music. For all these Mr Pearson was at the harpsichord, but after the interval he moved to the piano: William Matthias's Divertimento had a pleasingly astr-ingent, pointfully busy set of movements, with some good contrapuntal writing in the contrapuntal writing in the central Allegro commodo and some unexpected patterns of accentuation in the Allegro rimico to which it is joined. Carl Davis's Serenade, which had its first performance, was light music in no especial style.

Jean-Michel Damase'a Trio of 1961 claimed more serious attention. It has the somewhat unusual scheme of two quick movements framed by two slow ones and is urbaney melodious ones and is urbaney melodious yet well crafted. All three in-struments are driven quite hard and real compositional advantage is taken of their dis-parate characters. The range of textures and of types of gesture was impressive.

#### Philippe Entremont Oueen Elizabeth Hall

#### Max Harrison

Both as pianist and conductor Philippe Entremont has been hitherto chiefly concerned with the French repertoire, and so his programme on Sunday afternoon, while conventional in itself, was something of a depar-ture. Even so, the refined cul-French keyboard music was at once apparent in the intitial variations of Mozart's Sonata K331, where there was much variety of colour within a carefully restricted dynamic range. There was no doubt, either, of the vocal origin of the ornamen-

tarion.

The accidents in the final variation were minor yet unfortunate, and the following Minuet was rather fast. Its dance-like character should have been more deliberately insisted upon, and in fact the breadth Mr Entremont gave to the central Trio was more apt. However, the Rondo alla Turca needed more sparkle and spon-taneity, and its sectional nature was too evident.

Beethoven's Somata Op 31 No 3 started with a far more suit-able feeling of caprice, a few ideas seeming to be thrown together at random, the rest

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of the movement being devoted to showing that, as usual, there are no accidents in Beethoven world. Mr Entremont caught well this impression of incluc table processes behind appar

ently chance events.

Fine, too, was the Scherzo, at once explosive and mischievous another typical Beethovenian mixture, The Minuet normally seems, to me at least, an anti-climax, yer this time the planist's careful weighting of althose isolated chords gave it more point than hitherto. The finale's furious excursions had

plenty of excitement.

Hearing Mr Entremont play
Papillons, Op 2, reminded one
perhaps not quite relevantly, of the influence which Schumann's early keyboard writing had on some French composers. He was perfectly in accord with Schu-mann in his own right, and this piece was full of ardent fantasy -perhaps too much for 50 youthful an essay. But there was some very impressive playing in the highly detailed quick move-

Brahms's Handel Variations were also immaculate, and by now seemingly dangerous tempos were no longer a risk.



### Untraced driver's unexplained braking

victims of untraced drivers which are made to the Motor Insurers Bureau Ltd and consequent arbitrations should appear to be investigated fairly and justly.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing an appeal by Mr Joyce Francois Elizabeth, of Chatham. Kent. against Mr Justice Stocker's dismissal of hiv application for an order that the award of Mr B, A. Hytner, QC, in the reference to arbitration before him under the agreement herewer the under the agreement between the bureau and the Secretary of State for the Environment dated November 22, 1972, be remitted to the arbitration for reconsideration. The court part of the court of the co marter should be remitted to another arbitrator.

Mr Elizabeth in person; Mr Henry de Lotbiniere for the burcau. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that some years ago trouble had arisen over drivers who had stolen cars and caused accidents—and perhaps could not be traced. How could the injured party get compensation?

How count the injured party get compensation?

By an agreement of November 22, 1972, between the Motor insurers' Bureau and the Secretary of State for the Environment provision was made for compensation of victims of untraced drivers. The agreement had many unusual features. The injured person who was unable to trace the person responsible was to veceive compensation if "on the balance of probabilities the untraced person would be liable to pay damages to the applicant in respect of the "injury". It was virtually as if there was an action at law against the untraced person. If the injured person's claim was rejected by the bureau, an appeal could be made to an arbitrator.

Queen's Bench Division

### 'After entry' proof not on immigrant student

Regina v Immigration Appeal
Tribunal, Ex parte Shaikh
Before Mr Justice Bingham
The Secretary of State appeal
to the Immigration Appeal

[Judgment delivered February 19] An immigrant student who applies for an extension of his leave to remain in the United Kingdom as a full-time student does not, at that stage, have to satisfy the Secretary of State for Home Affairs that he intends to leave the country on completion of those studies as he is required to do by rule 17 of the Statement of Immigration Rules for Control to do by rule 17 of the Statement of Immigration Rules for Control on Entry: EEC and other Non-Commonwealth Nationals, on his original application for entry into the country. Nor does the mero fact that he expresses a desire to remain in the United Kingdom if permitted to do so of itself discutile him from the grant of such an extension under rule 12 of the Statement of Immigration Rules for Control after Entry: EEC and Other Non-Commonwealth Nationals.

The Divisional Court allowed an application for judicial review by the applicant, Shaikh Muneer Ahmad, a citizen of Pakistan studying in the United Kingdom, and quashed the decision of the Immigration Apoesl Tribunal that he was not entitled under the Immigration Act, 1971, and the Statement of Immigration Rules for Courtol after entry, to a variation of his conditions of his leave to remain in the country to enable him to commune his studies on the ground that he had not shown that he intended to leave the country on completion of the studies.

Rule 17 of the statement of Immigration Rules for Control on Entry provides: "An applicant is to be refused an entry clearance as a student if the officer is not satisfied that the aplicant is able, and intends, to follow a full-time tourse of study and to leave the country on completion of it..."

Rule 12 of the Statement of Immigration Rules for Control after Entry provides: "Applications from students or would-be students for variation of their leave will consist mainly of applications for extension of stay as a student. An extension for an appropriate period, normally up to appropriate period, normally up to 12 months, may be granted if the applicant produces evidence, which, is verified by a check being watch, is verified by a check being made, that he has enrolled for a full-time course of day-time study which meets the requirements for admission as a student; that he dmission as a student; that he giving regular attendance; and at he has adenuate fund. the authorities that he was a bona fide student.

However, the real question was whether, if the applicant's intention was to leave at the end of his studies but to remain in the the United Kingdom if permitted to do so, the provisional intention to remain disabled him as a candidate for an extension of leave.

In R v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Perween Khan (1972) I Imm AR 258), Lord Widgery said: "The fact that the immigrant has in mind the possibility, ... of being allowed to stay in this country should not ... affect his or her right of entry, provided that the course of

admission as a student; that he is giving regular attendance; and that he has adequate funds available for his maintenance and that of any dependants. When an extension is granted the student may be reminded that he will be expected to leave at the end of his studies."

Mr Ian MacDonald for the applicant; Mr Simon D. Brown for Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

MR JUSTICE BINGHAM swid that in October, 1973, the applicant received leave to enter the United Kingdom for 12 months to pursue a three-year course at Essex University, but finding that course unsuitable he had transferred to Manchester Polytechnic to take a two-wear HND course in computer studies. He completed that course in 1978. In the meantime he had been granted several time he had been granted several extensions of his leave to remain. extensions of his leave to remain, each for 12 months except the last extension which was due to expire in July, 1978. In June, 1978, the applicant applied to the Secretary of State for another extension as he wished to pursue a further three-year course for which he had been accepted by

the polytechnic.

The Home Office wrote asking him what his future intentions and long-term plans were. The applicant replied: "I intend to start cant replied the computing field. cant replied: "I intend to start
a career in the computing field.
I like to start my career
in this country. If you grant me
permission to start work in this
country, then I can join evening
classes in advance computing/
printing. My long-term ambition
lies in a good career in computing lies in a good career in computing field and long-term service for United Kingdom industries."

The Secretary of State took the view that by that letter the applicant had made it clear that he considered his future lay in the United Kingdom (an interpreta-tion which Mr MacDonald, for the applicant, submitted could not fairly be extracted from the fairly be extracted from the letter). The Secretary of State was not satisfied that the applicant intended to leave the United the conditions of leave to enter a different situation would arise
In the circumstances the Immigration Appeal Tributal had misdirected itself. The decision would be quashed and the matter remitted to the tributal for redetermination in accordance with the judgment of the court. Solicitors: Mrs Sushma Lal; Treasury Solicitor. Kingdom on completion of his studies and refused the application. On appeal, the adjudicator accepted the applicant's evidence that he had an important of the control of t that he had no intention of remaining in the United Kingdom beyond the end of his new course and

allowed the appeal, directing that permission to remain be granted

Elizabeth v Motor Insurers'
Bureau Ltd
Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Oliver
The unexplained sudden braking of a car is prima facic evidence of negligence. It is important that claims for compensation by victims of untraced drivers which are made to the Motor Insurers Bureau Ltd and consequent arbitrations should appear to be investigated fairly and justify.

The Court of Appeal so stated

Some time afterwards a statement was taken from the driver of a following car, and on that statement the bureau took the view that Mr Elizabeth had not made out his

On appeal, the arbitrator had

On appeal, the arbitrator had looked at the statements and said that he found it "impossible to say that the applicant had proved on the balance of probabilities that the driver did anything negligent which caused his accident." The arbitrator was clearly putting the burden of proof on Mr Elizabeth when in the circumstances the burden of proof was on the van driver to show why he had suddenly braked.

In Ritchie's Car Hire Ltd v Bailey ((1958) 108 LJ 38) a woman who instinctively braked hard to avoid a pheasant which ran in front of her car was held to have been negligent in braking when there was a car behind her: see Binghum's Motor Claim Cases. The ed (1973), pp 54, 55. It looked as if the arbitrator had not properly applied the burden of proof when the van driver had braked suddenly, apparently without cause and without any explanation. Those matters were well worthy of consideration.

It was important in such cases that fairness and inspece should.

It was important in such cases that fairness and justice should appear to have been done. The court had a general discretion under the Arbitration Act to remit an award. The appeal should be allowed and the matter remitted to another arbitrator. Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Oliver agreed.

The Secretary of State appealed to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal, who allowed the appeal. The crux of their decision was that in the light of the applicant's letter "the Secretary of State could not possibly be satisfied... that once the applicant has completed his new course of study he would depart from the United Kingdom. The onus was on the applicant to satisfy the Secretary of State that he would then depart; he had not discharged that onus; ... He expressly stated that he had in mind, if permitted, staying on to work in

permitted, staying on to work in the first instance in this country. He had an intention not to depart

but to remain at any rate for a time, and the facts that he had no invention of remaining illegally and that his purpose was to gain experience do not qualify him to

stay."
In challenging that decision, Mr

that intention.

Mr Brown contended that the rules had to be read together and that it would be irrational to have different rules operating at the

two stages.
In his Lordship's judgment, the

entry, provided that the course

instruction is the primary purpose with which the entry into this country is made." Although that case was concerned with different rules and a different Act, it gave

rules and a different ACL, it gave some assistance in disavowing the view that a would-be immigrant, on entering the country, had to show a positive intention to go home again, and that he was disbarred if he had in mind the postability of being allowed to stay

sibility of being allowed to stay in the country.

Under some circumstances the Home Office could allow immigrants lawfully in the country as students to remain for an additional period as trainees; it would be a student of the students of t

he harsh and unrealistic if a student who admitted a desire to

take advantage of those possibilities should be excluded, whereas one who kept his hopes dark profited from that concealment. Accordingly, the fact that the applicant would have wished to stay in the country after comple-

stay in the country after comple-tion of his course if his extension was granted, and if he were per-mitted to do so, should not of itself disentitle him to the exten-

itself disentitle him to the extension which he sought. In a case where an applicant was suspected of having some collateral purpose, and in particular an unlawful purpose, or had any intention of abusing, flouting, or breaching the conditions of leave to enter a different situation mould arise.

Inside every jeans-wearing, Metro-driving, hard-working, flat-sharing girl, there is a romantic heroine in a large hat longing to get out

The excuse for writing about hats is, of course, the forthcoming Royal wedding. The proof that all women secretly long to see themselves in a hat lay on the floor of my office last week. As the flock of hats nested in snowy tissue paper in their large boxes, every woman passer-by from 18 to 50 came to look and try on, until I was protecting the precious model hats from the predators as anxiously as a mother osprey.

Fox despairingly. "If you can't get a bat on, it doesn't look right. And if you haven't worn hats, you need help. A hat is rather like a chiffon dress-it looks nothing on the hanger."

Street salon on the branches of a hat tree, or are perched elegantly on embryonic wooden blocks. They are mostly small and shiny, little toadstools of lacquered straw or veiled pill-boxes blossoming with flowers.

graphs of Frederick Fox's most famous conjuring trick: the transformation of Princess Michael of Kent from a large, raw boned lady under a mushroom cloud of hat, into a crisply elegant Princess in a small slanted pill-box trimmed with seductive veiling.

I stood in front of the large mirror in my trouser suit, while Freddy popped his featherlight creations on to my windswept hair. The right hat, I realized, like the right house or the right man, can be recognized when you see it. I looked surprisingly good

But you do not stand much chance of lose her fringe if she is to wear bats sucfinding a suitable hat for your outfit if you When I saw our hairdresser Dar working try to impose a grand occasion hat on your to give the elegance of a chignon to our model's short, spiky hair, I realized that a big occasion needs the full professional

spring and summer headwear this morning. . treatment He expects women to bring in their The pheasant's feathers clearly come clothes, or at least to have sketches and after the egg: you must choose the outfit first. This summer we are fortunate in that the soft crêpe de chine separates which is what most people will choose for wedding/ swatches of colour for him to work from. The crucial thing is to get the balance right between the outfit and the hat", he

Ascot outfits, are particularly easy to wear. Since silk blazers, pleated shantung skirts and crepe de chin T-shirts are simply extensions of our daily sports wear in more glamorous fabrics, we should not feel shy and uncomfortable about getting dressed

But what about those bats? Frederick Fox says that his best clients are those who own racehorses and are used to wearing hats to cheer their steeds past the winning

For someone like me, whose only recent

brush with millinery was a woolly hat bought for skiing, it needs more practise. That is exactly what you should do, according to David Shilling, who suggested wearing the hat around the house a couple of days before the big event ("any wedding is a very long day".) Model hats are, of

course, particularly light, well-fitting and comfortable. The difference in weight between a giant featherlight straw by Dior (at £90) and a far smaller flower trimmed straw boater from a chain store is remark-

The grand milliners are looking forward with some trepidation to a very busy season. Since the hall-marks of a good hat are its hand-made trimmings, hand-dyed feathers and veils hand-spun with the skill of a spider, they are expecting many an anxious and sleepless night.

Perhaps, like the Tailor of Gloucester, they will find a helpful band of mice to see them through.





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Photographs by Serge Krouglikott. Hair by Dar at Clittord Statford. Make-up by Davis Garvin at The Model Agency.

### The hat makes a royal comeback

Fashion

Suzy Menkes

☐ Right: Patent straw and feather hat £42 in red, navy, off white or black by Frederick Fox from his salon at 87-91 New Bond Street, London W1, Harrods, 1b Jorgensen, 18 Sloane Street, London SW1, Peter Gilmore of Cardiff, Sacs of

Attrincham, Scotleids of Harrogate and Rudolph of Glasgow. Black and white finely striped spotted ours silk jacket £129, matching fine stope skirt

pure silk jacket £129, matching fine stope skirt £85 and striped jersey T-shirt £39 all by Roland Klein from his shop 26 Brook Street, London W1, Harvey Nichols, Richard Allen of Dublin and Dorothy Rowley of Walsall. Open-work gloves £3.25 in assorted colours by Dent-Fownes from Army & Navy, Owen Owen and Dingles branches. Pearl, lapis, crystal and gold tie necklace £1,200 from Sloane Pearls, Sloane Street, London SW1. Earrings from Ivor Gordon, 49h Sloane Street.

Earrings from Ivor Gordon, 49b Sloane Street,

☐ Far right top: Fine straw and heavy net hat

with hand painted flowers designed by David Shilling available in any colour combination from

David Shilling, 36 Marylebone High Street, London W1. Pure suk crèpe de chine floral print jacket and matching skirt £174 on white or green ground, Hurel jersey vest in pink or turquoise all by Caroline Charles from her shop 9 Beauchamp Place, London SW3, Harrods designer room, Simpson's of Biografity Helen Sylves of Leads.

Simpson's of Piccadilly, Helen Sykes of Leeds, Regalia of Troon, R. W. Forsythe of Edinburgh,

Joan Ponting of Birmingham, and Dorothy Rowley of Walsall. Earrings from Ivor Gordon 49b Sloans Stret, London SW1.

☐ Far right bottom: Fine Jersey pill-box hat with crocus spray £61 in pink or white (other colours to order) by Dolores from Selfridges, Dalys of Glasgow and Jacqueline Morgan of Wombourne.

Silk wrap dress £155 and bigger spot blazer £155 in pink, navy, red, royal blue or yellow, by Jasper Conran Irom Shaws, 48 Beauchemp Place, London SW3, Lucienne Philips of Knightsbridge, Popingay 2 of Chichester and Marian Gale of Dublin.

2 of Unichester and Marian Gale of Dublin.
Diamond and pearl drop earrings from Art
Nouveau specialist Ivor Gordon 49b Stoane Street,
London SW1. Pearl choker with enamel clasp
from Stoane Pearls, 49 Stoane Street, London

I come from a generation that has no idea how to wear a hat. Because we put them on an channenging that decision, Mr MacDonald submitted that an applicant had to show an intention to leave at the end of his studies on his application to enter the country, by rule 17 of the Statement of Immigration Rules for Control on Entry, but that in the light of the wording of rule 12 of only for the rarest of events, we are shy about buying them, hopeless about fitting them and confused about what a hat is supposed to be doing for our chosen outfits.

"Many women don't even know their control of the wording of rule 12 of the Control after Entry Rules, he was not required to prove the same intention at the later stage of an application to vary the Con-ditions of his leave to remain, and that the tribunal's decision was therefore wrong in imposing a burden on the applicant to prove that impunion.

Frederick Fox's hats hang in his Bond

Scattered around the salon are photo-

In his Lordship's judgment, the rules had to be read together as they formed part of a coherent scheme governing immigration into the country and permission to remain in it, and it would be absurd to read the rules in isolation. But it was also necessary to give effect to the language used unless it led to absurdity or inconvenience so gross as to have been clearly outside anyone's contemplation. It was not irrational that a burden should be imposed on an applicant seeking to enter the country which was not in terms imposed on him if he sought to extend his stay. Thus it was not incombent on the applicant seeking to extend his stay. Thus it was not incombent on the applicant seeking to extend his stay. was not incumbent on the appli-cant to satisfy the Secretary of State that he intended to leave at the end of his studies, although it was necessary for him to satisfy the authorities that he was a bona in most of them.

Like a Venetian blind open-

ing up to the sun, spring shoes are letting in a breath of fresh

Shapes have changed very little since the pump and the loafer established themselves

as the comflest shoe fashion for years.

given a light-weight look by

the use of punching, mesh or lattice work, mostly fashioned

out of the traditional leather.

If you want to tip toe through the tulips in open-toed

cut-away sandals, there are plenty of those around already

in the shops. But the more con-

ventional shoes, with the look, but not the feel of open air,

are a practical compromise

But the new footwear

trate make-up in the eye area. Frederick Fox remarks that Lady Diana will have to

workaday clothes, according to David Shil-

ling, who unveils his new collection of

explains, "If someone comes to me with a

shocking pink outfit, I will probably decide to play down the hat. I don't think that the

greatest compliment to me is for someone

length hair weeping beneath a large-brimmed hat. He says that to give oneself

a chance with a hat, you need to pull your

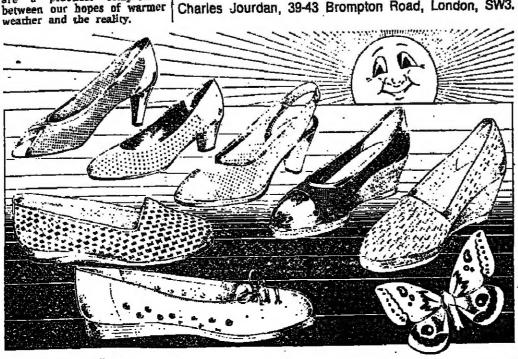
hair right back, put the hat on and work the hair-style round it, and also to concen-

David's personal bête noire is shoulder

to exclaim "Oh, what a marvellous hat."

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### Hooliganism is under control but concern remains over racism

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent roolball Correspondent
While hearing from the police
that they were getting on top of
the problem of violence at toothall matches, a conference on
hooliganism held in London yesterday betoned to a warning from
the secretary of the Football
League, Graham Kelly, that
"racism must not take a hold on
the terraces" "racism must not take a noid on the terraces".

Mr Kelly said that whether there was any real evidence of racism, or, if it was merely "the latest fishion" the problem had to be nipped in the bud, He said: "We cannot and must not allow latest fishion" the problem had to be alpped in the bud. He said:

"We cannot and must not allow football to be used in this way".
However, Chief Superintendent David Polkinghorne, of New Scotlind Yard, said: "I haven't seen any large numbers of people who are facists on the terraces."

Chief Superintendent Polkinghorne said that tecnagers were ideal material for racist groups, but he wondered whether people were "a little sensitive to the problem". He saw the terraces as "a ground for racial harmony, where working class, blacks and whites stand side by side. I don't see it as a problem".

He was also more optimistic than some about the whole problem of hooliganism. The Safety of Sports Grounds Act had made the joh of the police easier because of crowd regregation and he had no evicence that the violence that had been removed from the terraces was now occurring outside. Even to, he admitted: "The bad are still coming and the good are still staying away."

Most speakers at the conference

dwelt on identification and control of hooligans, with considerable of hooligans, with Considerable time spent on opinious on closed circuit television, fencing and the transport of crowds. Jimmy Hill, speaking as chairman of Coventry City, chided them for ideas that turned grounds into "concentration camps". He said: "They should be places of entertainment, places to be happy. The only way is to make sure that hooligans do not go to football matches. We is to make sure that noongans do not go to football matches. We must get all-seater stadiums, then we will have a product that is marketable. I cannot see any other answer."

other answer."

There was general support for a call by Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association's disciplinary committee, for a conor the rootial Association's disciplinary committee, for a concerted effort to cure the problem." But in the first instalice we need a lead from the government", he said. He was not altogether happy with the cooperation they had received. The FA had asked the government whether passports of troublemakers at matches abroad could be removed, but he said: "There is little hope."

Mr Millichip was disturbed that, despite trouble with English supporters at last summer's European Champlonship in Italy, the FA had no control over the distribution of tickets for the World Cup in Spain next year. He said: "They have been given to a newly-formed company we don't know." It is giving us a great problem."

A remark by Dr Cvril Smith. Chalmate of the World Chalmate of the World Social A remark by Dr Cvril Smith, chairman of the Joint Social Science Research Council, that football was not sensitive to the majority of people who followed the game and, to some extent,

had always "talked to itself and not the wider public" was accepted by Mr Kelly, who agreed that there had always been insularity. However, Mr Kelly rejected the impression that footbail bad done nothing about its problems, but he said the efforts had been made in low profile in a "defensive" way.

Suggestions that all-seater stadia were lacking in atmosphere and were no guarantee of a peaceful crowd found to sympathy with Christopher Anderson, vice-chairman of Aberdeen. He said that at Pittodrie, where there was no standing, the the crowd still showed their feelings, but the potential troublemakers could be spotted quickly and the number of people arrested over a season was "minimal". Drunkenness had been greatly reduced by a ban on the sale of alcohol in the ground, and youngsters were encouraged to be involved

Terry Rutter, stadium manager at Aston Villa, was one who doubted that football ever had families to lose and blamed "dirty old stadia" with standards applicable to the turn of the century. He added: "Football should be fun, not an endurance test."

A proposal from the FA that parents should have to pay fines imposed on young offenders bad met with a cauthous reply from the government, who saw it as "a rricky situation in law", according to Mr Millichip. Parents were also asked to be more responsible by Dr Donglas Acres, chalrman of the Sentencing of Young Offenders Committee of the Magistrates Association. had always "talked to itself and

#### Freak Irish goal makes up for earlier misses

By Jain Mackenzie Scerash Univs 1 Irish Univs 1 Sceinsh Unive 1 Irish Unive 1
A freak goal five seconds from time cave the Irish Universities the draw they thoroughly described in the bitter cold of the Edinburgh University pitch at Velfermill yesterday. The Irish commanded the midfield for most of the game, ought to have won, and would have had not their number nine, AlcGinley, produced a string of nileses in the last eight minutes.

Most speakers at the conference organized by the Football Trust

Punching into the teeth of an casterly gave in the second half, the nuned Irish side of seven from the South made the Scottish defence look fragile indeed. McLaughlin, operating mainly on the right wing, used his dribbling skills of excellent effect and often had the Scott bemused and bothered.

Had McGinter been able to Scots bemused and bothered.

Had McGinley been able to finish the work begun so admirably by McLaughiln, and McAfee too, the Irish would have gone home smiling on this morning's three o'clock boat from Stranzer. It was ironic that the Irish coal, for which they had worked so hard was a fluke which came when the referee was drawing breath for the final long blast. The ball was crossed into the packed goalmouth where McLaughiln could not make contact. Neither could Torrance. contact. Neither could Torrance, and the ball dropped and spun over the line. Carney lunged and got a foot to it, but the ball stopped (for the Scots) just too far on the wrong side.

The Scottish goal, in sharp con-The Stollan goal, in sharp con-rast, was a thing to acclaim. Twenty minutes into the second half their skipper Gillespie, a Highlander from Fort William who is wanted by Dunfermline Athletic when he finishes his studies at Edinburgh, saw a gap and shot in the same moment. He was all of thirty yards out but Harding in goal was left stranded. Those moments apart, it was a game which met the weather halfway, grey and obseriess and not one, the Scors, in particular, will remember for long. Gillespie, Torrance and occasionally the leftwinger Cook were the only ones given much respect by an Irish side which could so easily have won a match they so nearly lost. SCOTTISM UNIVERSITIES: N. Tor-rance Strathctyde): M. Carney (Edin-burgh), W. Moncup (Edinburgh), J. (CLIMI (Burling), E. Gillipsole (Edin-burgh), R. Stoan (Edinburgh), R. Bell (Harin-Walt), N. Millican (Dun-dres), T. Henderson (Hender-Walt), D. Ross (Heriol-Walt), N. Cook (Edin-burgh), S. Strather, M. Cook (Edin-

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M. MCOnkey (Stramullin).

Referes: E. Thomson (Edinburgh).

### Newport will do town and County proud in Jena

English teams are battling for three European titles this season. But the Welsh are quick to point out that there is a fourth British tram in action tomorrow. Little Newport County from the third Givision, who nearly folded not 1973 ago, flew out yesterday to face Carl Zelss Jena, of East Germany, in the European Cup-Winder's Cup quarter-final round.

Their manager, Len Ashurst, says: "We will hare to be at our best with all our thought and concentration on the job in hand. We must work for each other, try to keep possession and, if we can do that, we can come away with a result that will give us and our fans plenty of encouragement for the second leg on March 18. But next elected for Wednesday's game. We're the second leg on March 18. But next elected for wind to the club and town proud."

Mr Ashurst's side warmed up the folion in his head and Pike's knee injury had improved sufficiently for him to train, too. The midwinter break in the Soviet season means that the serial top. The Job in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season do that a fund improved sufficiently for him to train, too. The midwinter break in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the point train, too. The midwinter break in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the season death in the Soviet season means that the do that, we can come away with a result that will give us and our fans plenty of encouragement for the second leg on March 18. But be assured of one thing—we will do the club and town proud." do the club and town proud."

Mr Ashurst's side warmed up for the trip with a 5-1 thrashing of Chesterfield on Saturday, their bizgest win of the season, and came through without Injuries. But they will be without their record signing, Alan Waddle, the £80,000 striker from Swansen, who is ineligible and injured."

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While Newport are in action in East Germany. West Ham, the FA Cup holders, League Cup finalists and the second division leaders, are at home to Dinamo Tbilisi in 2—0 on Saturday. "The more the same competition. Alan Devonshire, their midfield player, was unable to train yesterday be cause of a knee injury but is expected to be fit for tomorrow night's tie.

Alvin Martin took a full part in training despite a five-stitch cut in European Competition. Kevin Keegan tips his former in Southshipton side were beaten in 2—0 on Saturday. "The more people knock Liverpool the more it is likely to help them win the turne or four had injuries that would have killed off most teams, but I couldn't see much wrong with their performance against us."

is high."

Liverpool, attempting to win a third European Cup, have a doubt in Johnson, who has a muscle strain, for the visit of CSKA Sofia, who put out Nottingham Forest. A measure of CSKA's challenge is that they have been beaten at home only once in 21 consecutive seasons in European competition.

Kevin Keegan tips his former club to go through. "I wouldn't bet against them", he said after his Southsuppon side were beaten 2—0 on Saturday. "The more people knock Liverpool the more

#### Four in two for Maradona

Diego Maradona scored twice for final. Hertha went 2—0 up through Boca Juniors, his new club, in Killmaier and Remark before their 2—2 draw with instituto Cor- Thomas Aliols pulied one back 20 dobs in Argentina's first division on Sunday. He has struck four goals in two matches, three of them penalties. On Sunday, the 20 year-old scored a penalty and then brilliantly crowned a solo run. Maradona was signed by Boca last month on a one-year loan, at a fee announced as \$4 million, Eintracht. Braunschweig, of the second division, knocked Ham-burg, last year's European Cup finalists, out of the West German cup, 4—3 after extra time, in the quarter final round on Sunday. There are two second division sides in the semi final round for the first time since 1963, as Hertha Berlin dashed Fortuna Düssel-dorf's hopes of winning the cup for the third successive time by beating them 2-1. Fortuna had won 18 consecutive national cup-ties since the 1978

did so at Orlando, so fierce is the competition. Oosterhuis, humbled again, remains optimistic but living

minues from the cad. The semi final round draw is Hertha against Eintracht Frankfurt, 2—1 winners over Stuttgart, and Braunschweigh against Kaiserslauteru. 3—1 conquerors of Borussia Mönchengladbach. Roma took back the Italian league leadership on Sunday, beating Torino 2—0. Internazionale of
Milan, the defending champions,
were tied with Roma for first
place before losing to Napoli 1—0.
Juvenius of Turin retained second place by bearing Bologna 5-1, and Inter fell back to third. Juventus overpowered Bologna in Bologna, to avenge an earlier 1—0 defeat. Liam Brady, the Irish midfield player, scored twice for Juventus. Brady, who returned after missing two games with an injured leg. struck in the first half.

### to Europe with Burley burden

From Clive White

St Etienne, March 2

On the eve of the most critical period in their life Ipswich Town were informed today that one of their most influential players would be out of the game for the next six months. This was the verdict of a specialist on the right knee of George Burley, their neat, twinkle-toed full back.

It hung like a weight sround this buoyant club when they flew out of Southend airport for their Uefa Cup fourth-round tie with St Etienne on Wednesday. What everyone had quietly hoped would mean a simple carrilage operation was diagnosed as torn lateral ligaments—six weeks in plaster, six weeks of physiotherapy and three mouths of hard work and prayers.

Bobby Robson, who has a closer relationship with his players than most managers, was particularly upset for the youngster he regards as the best right back in the country. "We are blessed with a preponderance of left-sided players, which could be one of the reasons for our success, but Burley gives us options on the right, he is such an intelligent player."

Butley, one of the original members of this side, could find himself watching Ipswich in two finals this year, if they can first lift themselves over the enormous obstacle presented by St Etienne, "This one on Wednesday will be for Burley," Mr Robson assured us.

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There are still doubts surrounding the soundness of another Scot, Wark, whose contribution of nine goals in this competition is unthinkable for a midfield player. He aggravated a hamstring strain by foolishly (he says) playing in Tel Aviv last week for the national side. I doubt whether Mr Robson will allow him the same mistake three times.

The mauager has still not forgiven him for playing with an injury in a league match two years ago at Maine Road when he had to come off after a few minutes and Ipswich lost. "I told him then, 'Don't you ever do that to me again'", Mr Robson said. If sprints tomorrow evening even him at a weakness, McCall will deputize. The warm sun here should help.

will deputize. The warm sun here should help.

Ipswich, of course, have shown themselves capable of covering each other more than adequately during injuries. They have won seven successive matches without Burley, and McCall stepped into a highly polished 4—0 win at Coventry of Saturday, when he struck a goal from 25 yards just as Wark used to do until perfectly timed roms showed him a shorter route to the net. But winning is a habit sustained by confidence. Once it is dented, doubts creep in. St Etienne will knock that Ipswich veneer harder than anyone these past two months.

#### Middlesbrough without two at Forest

Middlesbrough will be without Hodgson, England's under-21 international centre forward, and Ashcroft, their centre half, against Nortingham Forest at the City Ground tonight. Hodgson, with a groin injury, and Ashcroft, a calf injury, are under treatment and face a battle to be fit for the FA Cup sixth round the against Wolverbampton Wanderers at Ayrsome Park on Saturday. Park on Saturday,
Hutchison has not been ruled
out of Manchester City's FA Cup tie at Everton despite fears last week that he might be out for the rest of the season. Hutchison sees a specialist on Thursday for a

Yesterday's results

check-up on a pelvic strain.

FA TROPHY: Third round replay: Varcestor City 2, Hastings United 1. hird round, second roplay: Ayletbary Jailed 1. Northwich Victoria 0 (at Warcestor City 2, Hastings United 1. Third round, accound roplay: Aylesbury United 1. Northwich Victoris 0 (at Enderby! United 1. Northwich Victoris 0 (at Enderby!). SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Bedford Town 2, Banbury United 1. Southern division: Poole Town v Schools: March: Brantwood 4, Schools: March: Brantwood 4, Schools: March: Brantwood 4, Schools: March: Brantwood: Indiana College March: Brantwood: Joseph College March: Roma 2. Inswich Town On Third place play-off: Napoli 1. Universities 1. Instelle Division: City match: Bath 3, Design Universities 1. Instelle Division: City match: Bath 3, Reight Universities 1. Flagod on Baturday!

NOCKEY: Representative match: UAU 3. Winners's representative match: UAU 6. Eritish Polytechnics 0.

### Ipswich trek | Rees steps out of Welsh shadows for the fourth time in seven years

Rugby Correspondent
Clive Rees, the London Welsh wing, has been recalled by his national selectors to play against france in Paris on Saturday.
David Richards (Swansea) has been switched to the centre again in place of the injured Peter Morgan, of Llanelli, who fractured three ribs in the Irish match at Cardiff and will not play again this season. In other respects, the Welsh XV, for a game in which victory for either side would ensure them of at least a share of the championship, will be the same as that which defeated Ireland 9—8. The captain and No 8, Jeff Square, has recovered from the back injury which kept him out of Pontypool's cup side last Saturday.

Rees has been having a fine energy for the club and was a Rugby Correspondent

Saturday.

Rees has been having a fine season for his club and was a strong contender when the selectors chose their side for the last intervational. He now wins a fourth cap in an international career spanning seven seasons, much of it spent in the shadows of Gerald Davies and J. J. Williams. His first match for Wales was against Ireland in 1974. A year later he played against Anstralia, Then he had to wait three more years before he was chosen against New Zealand.

The return of Richards to the The return of Richards to the The return of Richards to the centre produces, with Ray Gravell, a new midfield partnership for Wales. It was one that served the Lious well in their handsome victory over Transvaal last summer, until Richards suffered a dislocation of a shoulder that marked the end of his tour. Wales will hope that Richards can recapture his old sparkle. If the midfield can manufacture some openings, the pace of Rees should be an extra bonus.

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The selectors keep faith in their Bridgend half backs, Gerald Williams and Gary Pearce, having resisted any temptation they may have felt to restore Gareth Davles at standoff half. Pearce, by all accounts had a difficult baptism against Ireland, but it was his dropped goal that won the game for Wales and if a younger player of promise is worth one cap, then he ought to be worth another. The confidence of his selectors should do him no harm at all.



(Lianelli) as the reserve scrom-half is noteworthy. Here is a young player, still only 19, of considerable potential. The latest All Blacks rated him highly, and that was no surprise, because he had an excellent game against

lean-Luc Joinel, the French flanker, has been switched to No. 8 in place of Manuel Carpentier, who may shortly have an operation for the removal of a growth on his shin and seems likely to

miss the England game at Twic-(Lianelli) as the reserve scrum kenham as well. A new cap, Pierre Lacans (Beziers), who is 23, has been brought in on the flank.

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G. Davies (Cardiff): M. Douglas
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### Midlands challenge is at home in cup

By Peter West.

The draw for the quarter final round of the John Player Cup, made, in London yesterday, produced home ties for Leicester, the holders, as well as for the other Midland clubs, Moseley and Nottingham. It was accompanied, too, by a welcome announcement that the Rugby Football Union and the sponsors have concluded an agreement which will prolong the event for at least another three seasons, with a financial benefit an agreement with prolong the event for at least another three seasons, with a financial benefit to English rugby of just over a quarter of a million pounds.

Leicester, last beaten in the cup in 1978 (by Gloncester in the final), will entertain Sale on Saturday week. Moseley will play Metropolitan Police, whose fourth round victory over Rosslyn Park at Imber Court last Saturday was thoroughly well earned. Nottingham, winners over Bath by a single point, will take on Gosforth, who will be on the road yet again, away from home for the 19th time in 27 cup matches.

The remaining de, and perhaps the most interesting, matches London Scottish against Gloucester at the Athletic Ground. This will

be a repeat of a second round encounter in 1974, when Scotrish won at Kingsholm on their way to the final, in which they lost to Coventry. The Scotrish have beaten Wasps and Orrell in their last two ties. Gloucester had a narrow squeeze at Southend before putting out London Irish, the 1980 runners-up, with a much more convincing victory. They beat Scotrish 13—8 at Kingsholm in early January, but the losers scored two tries against one on a day when their national trial left them below strength.

Having beaten Northampton (away) and Coventry (at home) Sale now have their hardest Midlands nut to crack before aspiring to a place in the semi-final round for the third time. When they reached that stage in 1973, they had a home victory, 7—0, over the Tigers in the quarter final Metropolitan: Police, in the last eight for the first time in eight years, are not in the least deterred by the prospect of playing at The Reddings against a club that has been in two finals. Denzil Jones, their chairman, said: "There are no gift draws for anybody at this

stage, but after winning at Camborne, and bearing the fancied Park side, we have got to see ourselves as having a decent chance against Moseley." Nortingham, fresh members of the last eight, are pleased to be hosting Gosforth, who won the cup in 1976 and 1977. They won at Gosforth in December, on the day when the inter-divisional championship was decided. inter-divisional championship was decided.

John Player prize money next season will be increased from £67,000 to £75,000. In 1982-83 it will rise to £85,000, and in 1983-84, to £96,000. The total over a three-year period will be £256,000, and by the end of it the sponsors will have put up £558,500 over nine seasons. The president of the RFU, John Kendall-Carpenter said: "So many people in rugby regard the John Player cup as the best thing that has happened to our game for the last 20 years or more."

More."
Quarter-final draw
Moseley v Metropolitan Police.
Nottingham v Gosforth.
Leicester v Sale.
London Scottish v Gloucester.
Ties to be played on March 14.

### Change of shirt, but not of heart, for Bath

By Alan Gibson Bath 3 Pontypridd 12 Bath 3 Pontypridd 12

Bath began the season with high hopes, which have not altogeter been fulfilled, partly through ill luck. Unexpectedly knocked out of the cup in a splash last Saturday, and in trouble with qualifying for it next year, they needed a good win to restore their spirits for the last couple of months of the season. They did not get it, nor ever looked much like getting it. Pontypridd, the first Welsh side to win on the Recreation Ground since October, 1978, scored a goal and two penalty goals against a penalty goal.

It was a damp evening with a soggy pitch, conditions which do not often suit Bath. Yet it did not rain during the match, and though the footing was treacherous the ball was not too slippery for handling. It was a good match, both

sides trying bravely to keep the play open. On a dry day they might have given us a spanker. In the first quarter each side missed reasonable chances of penalty goals. The Pontypridd pack were gradually getting on top, and shortly before half-time Bath were in a series of scrapes close to their own line. At last, after a mail on the right, Poole broke inwards to score beneath the posts, Hodgkinson converted, so Pontypridd led 6—0 at half-time.

In the second half Martin kicked s penalty for Bath, and Horton, who had an excellent game and looked fit, often gained ground for them with kicks and sometimes with dodgy runs. But the Pontypridd forwards remained in command, and although there were no more tries, they had carned the two further penalties

which Bodgkinson kicked.

Bath changed their jerseys in the last quarter, from yellow to red, which, since Pontypridd were red, which, since Pontypridd were now looking entirely Bible-black with just a red touch on their backs where their numbers were, soon made for more confusion than clarity. Possibly the fresh jerseys may have made Bath feel more comfortable for a little, but in any case it did not matter. Pontypridd had a firm grip on the match. They had not played the weekend and were celebrating their own St David's Day.

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Ice skating

From John Hennessy
Hartford, March 2
We face the unusual prospect ithe World figure skating charpionships, here in Connecticut the week, of installing new holders all five titles. In three cases this unavoidable, hecause of tweetiements from the amateuranks, and an injury that he forced Anett Pötzsch, of EaGermany, to leave the sport pemanently, Only Marina Cherkasot and Sergei Shakhrai, of the Soria Union, stand their ground, butheir defear in the European championships, last month, is no happomen.

men dear the month, is no happonen.

Robin Cousins's departure of the professional ranks leaves a aching British void, but Jayr Torvill and Christopher Dea have made such a rapid advancion the ice dance event that we may still hope to bring home gold medal. Curiously, that we the one achievement that evade Cousins. Miss Torvill and he partner beat both the Olympichampions Natalia Linichuk at Gennadi Karponosov and form world champions in Irina Moseyeva and Andrei Minenkov win the European championshi and on that evidence should the favourites here, especially the Olympic champions have be withdrawn from the Russian tean But under the new scoring sy tem there was little between it British couple and Miss Moiseyer and her husband for all the British supremacy in the compusories and marginal advantage it the free dance. A third excitin incredient is the growing cha British superties.

Sories and marginal advantage the free dance. A third exciting ingredient is the growing challenge of the talented America champions, Judy Blumberg an Michael Seibert, under the tution of a former British worlfitle holder. Doreen MacSall (née Denny). Given a dazzlinew Russian second string in Na alia Bestemianova, albeit with rather statuesque partner, the final next Saturday should brindown the curtain on a spectacular note.

down the curtain on a spectacus note.

A wealth of European talent is emerged from the shadows recent cast by Cousins and the Germa holder, Jan Hoffmann. With the inclusion of five gifted Nort Americans, three from the Unite States and two from Canada, and two colourful free skaters fro Japan, the men's event is agreably fraught with uncertainty.

Scott Hamilton, the America champion, must be the favourith but people here seem a little thready to count their chickens. He they bad the opportunity to at the array of talent in Europe Innsbruck last month they mighe more inclined to heed the warning of the Lake Placid Olympia year ago when three probab gold medals dwindled to a silt and two bronzes.

By congrast the women's event and two bronzes.

By contrast the women's ever is pallid stuff, reduced virtual

to a tussle between two outstanding free skaters, Denise Biellman a brilliant but unreliable Swis and Elzine Zayak, a precocion 15-year-old American—unles that is, the new scoring 5yste confounds expectations. But confounds expectations. Bot Deborah Cottrill and Karer Wood, are capable of creating a

impact
In the pairs Irina Vorobicta an Igor Lisovski, of the Soviet Union nught to succeed to the fitte of the strength of their victory in Europe, but for Bridsh came followers, there is a special interest in the 14-year-old Susat Garland and Robert Daw, three years her senior.

Rugby League

#### Holders favoure: for third time By Keith Macklin

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The Hull Kingston Rovers official at the television studio i Leeds bugged the Challenge Cu fondly to his bosom and said. That will do us. as Rover came out of the hug first for the third successive time. The drawfor the third round of the Cup sponsored by Three Fives, gave Rovers a home game with Salfort and although the visitors have shown considerable improvement of late, a Craven Park game is just what the holders wanted. It they get to Wembicy for the second successive year they will deso without having to play on at opponent's ground.

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### String of disappointments for nearly all except Bean

Orlando, Mar 2 No one would want to exaggerate the hardship of a week spent in Florida sunshine at this time of the year, but the call to professional duty in Orlando, so inviting in prospect, nevertheless carried a number of disappointments.

In the first place the entry for the Bay Hill golf tournament was less strong than it might have less strong than it might have been, which amounted almost to a case of leic-maje-ty-considering that this is Arnold Palmer's tournthat this is Arnold Palmer's tournment, Arnold Palmer's collinguage and Arnold Palmer's command performance. However, Nicklaus, who lives down the road at Palm Beach, stayed at home; so did Aliller, the most successful player this year; and so did, altogether, half the top 10 in the money list.

There was, however, a uniquely strong entry from the British isless—and there lay the second disappointment, for only King survived the Friday night guillotine. We can forgive Faldo a victim of flu, but would Jacklin in his heyday have put his ball into the lake at the last when a par four would have kept him alive; might not James have shown greater resolution than to report sick after twice (not once, as previously recorded) striking out of hounds twice (not once, as previously recorded) striking out of bounds turning for home on the second

terring for home on the second day?

Brown and Smyth, too, failed to do themselves justice, but there is no cause to be censorious here. Today's fixtures

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secure greater accuracy, he had it in him to go even farther. The winner: Sally Little, of South Africa, was declared winner

Basketball

#### Fiat to continue sponsorship of leading team By Nicholas Harling

If the manufacturers of Fiat cars had needed any further persuasion before announcing their decision yesterday to continue their sponsorship of the new National League champions, it came in the most convictional transfer came in the most convincing fashion in the Birmingham club's last league game of the season on Saturday.

competition. Oosterhuis, humbled again, remains optimistic but living now almost in a dream world. At least King kept the flag flying to the end, shrugging off incipient flu with a laudable second nine of 33, two under par. As for Faldo, he has done enough for glory and holds out the exciting prospect of becoming a great golfer rather than a good one after his experiences over here this winter. The final disappointment was the collapse of Watson on the final day, which robbed the tournament of any competitive bite.

Bean, who finally won by seven strokes, was almost bred to golf, since his father was associated with a course at Jekyll Island. His golf opened the way to a degree at the University of Florida, though his huge frame, 6ft 4in and 15st, scarcely matches the "college clone" prototype. He was the fourth most successful player last year with \$269,000, behind Watson, Trevino and Strange. With his awesome power, now deliberately held in check to secure greater accuracy, he had it in him to go even farther. Before a crowd of 2,083 at the Aston Villa Sports Complex, Team Fiat beat Kelly Girl, Kingston, 127—99, 56 of their points coming from their player/coach Gregg White. Only two players have scored more points in a first division game. Ironically the record of 66 is held by Bobby Cooper, who moved from Kingston last year to MIM Edinburgh. ston last year to MIM Edinburgh.
Yesterday's deal which gives Flat
a further year's sponsorship with
an option to continue after that,
represents further security for the
club's general manager Bob Hope.
It was after his appointment as
coach to the Warwickshire county
team 10 years ago that the club
was formed. They outgrew first
the University of Warwick and
then the Coventry Sports Centre
before moving to the complex
near Aston Villa's football ground,
at the start of the season. With
a current average attendance of
1,900 they may soon need an even
more spacious hall, which is why
Hope has been casting envious
eyes in the direction of Eirmingham's National Exhibition Centre
While Birmingham were conham's National Exhibition Centre
While Birmingham were completing their season in style,
Crystal Palace, the deposed champions were losing an appeal to have a one-match suspension of their centre Roma quashed.
Palace's objection was that Harry Keats, the commissioner at the game in which Roma threw a chair on being expelled from the court, is also on the English Baskethall Association's technical committee which imposed the ban. Since

which imposed the ban. Since Keats was asked to report the incident he was in effect sending

### Jones the Jab looks up into the singing mountain

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

A Welsh friend once told me
that as a young lad in Swansea
he never quite realized how green
was the grass beyond the mountains north of the city. In the
days of Richard (How Green Was
My Valicy) Liewellyn that was,
when my friend lived in Swansea.
People wore Brylcreem and policemen pushed bikes. These days
young men know better. Colin
Jones, the British welterweight
champion from Gorseimon, not far
from Swansea, knows there is a
fortune in champions' mountains
and beyond is "a long valley
floored with green pastures", as
John Steinbeck put it in those
war days.

Jones tries for the vacant Commonwealth title tonight. Mark
Harris, of Guyana, has the same
idea. The two meet at the
Wembley Conference Centre.
Jones needs the title to convince
the European Boxing Union that
he can look after himself against
Jorgen Hansen, of Denmark, the
European champion. and Harris
needs it as a lever for the LatinAmerican title. Jones has a former
British champion. Eddle Thomas,
in his corner, and Harris has a
former Commonwealth champion,
Lenoox Beckles, in his.

Boxing News have given the
bont a B grading, meaning that
Jones is the favourite. But after
watching Harris going through his
moves in the gym it would not
supprise me if it turned out to
be an A. Guyana is known for its
fighters. Harris, who did not go to
the Montreal Olympics because of
the African boycott, has a good
amateur career, reaching the New
York Golden Gloves final. He
board as a professional in America
and, while he did dot fare too
well, he learnt a thing or two,

and under the management of Cleveland Wason and Mr Beckles, who became his trainer after receiving a pasting in the ring from him, he has run into form. He arrived in Britain on Thursday and has done no sparring but has taken the air at Hyde Park in five mile are not at Hyde Park in the mile are not the second that the second the second tha has taken the air at Hyde Park in five-mile runs and gone through his numbers, from one to 12. All the moves necessary to beat the Welshman are there in these numbers. The shorthand used by many trainers has been perfected by Mr Beckles, Mr Wason said. Harris also looked pood on a speedball, devized by Mr Wason, that is no bigner than a romato and suspended from top and bottom by a rubber band, giving the impression when it is hit of 50 tomatoes. Harris seldom failed to tell the real one from the stroboscopic fillusion. The Guyanese has a good left hook and can double up punches which carry the power of his shoulders with them; which points

which carry the power of his shoulders with them; which points to an aggressive man who could find himself counting to 10 as he looks up from the floor at the Weishman. For Jones likes his opponents to come to him when he can use his left jab to greatest effect.

Mr Thomas says his left jab is even better than those of the other two world champirons he managed. Ken Buchanan and Howard Winstone. Jones's jabs really hurt, and he can hit as hard at the end of a hout as at the start of it. Pound for pound he is the hardest hitter in Britain. There is some doubt about his right hand which was operated on last August. He will need both hands to cut off the Guyanese if Harris decides to bot him from a distance and stay out of range of Jones's vicious hooks.

New date for title bout | Boxer still in coma The British light-middleweight title contest between Pat Thomas. of Cardiff, the holder, and Herol Graham, of Retford, will take place at Sheffield City Hall on March 24 justeed of this Thursday.

Atlantic Bowman, Inches

Atlantic City, March 2.—Fred Bownian, aged 24, an American lightweight, was still in a coma here after Gino Perez knocked him out in the sixth-round on

Angling

#### One lone salmon makes one small leap for mankind

By Conrad Voss Bark By Conrad Voss Bark

Trumpets are being blown from
New River Head. The long and
laborious efforts by Thames Water
Authority to entice salmon back
into the river—200 years ago it
was one of the best salmon rivers
in Europe—has resulted in one
lone adventurous fish questing its
way 76 miles up from the estuary,
only to die, presumably from exhaustion, between Chertsey Bridge
and Chertsey Weir.
That is, the TWA say, waying

That is, the TWA say, waving their flags, the farthest upstream recording of a salmon in the Thames since 1833. The fish was a mature female, 30in long, weighing 8.81b, 2nd was discovered dead in the shallows by someone walking along the bank. It is good news. The Thames was poisoned by industrial efflu-ent and the installation of domestic water closets in the

domestic water closets in the early parts of last century. The strink of untreated sewage was said to be so bad at one time that the House of Commons had to suspend their sitting. The Thames was on open sewer and so, for that matter, were the Tyne and the Rhine and many another river.

But before we cheer too loudly and reach for our rods we must remember that one salmon does not make a run. It is a sign, a symbol. encouraging, but nothing more. There is much work to be done on the weirs and the creation of fish passes before the fish can bave an easy run to the spawning grounds.

Even though in 20 years or so Spawning grounds.

Even though in 20 years or so crowds may line the banks at Teddington to see the salmon lean again it is doubtful whether they could be fished for. It is easy to destroy a salmon stock. It takes a long time to build it up again—and possibly it may never be built up again if we are foolish enough to allow French, German, Dutch and Belgian trawlers to start netting up to our beaches.

The signs, at least for the moment, give hope that spawning is ultimately possible.

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Cambridge

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By Jim Railton
James Palmer, the Cambridge
University Boat Club Prevident,
announced his crew yesterday to
meet Oxford in the Boat Race on
April 4. Palmer was in a curiously
opunistic mond and one can only
wonder what is up his sleeve, fie
described the Cambridge eight at:
"The fastest crew I have ever
rowed with. And these post
weeks, while our rival seem to
have been posting, we have been

have been pusing, we have been getting in some effective work." I can only recall Palmer rowing

in two consecutive losing Cam-

in two consecutive losing Cam-bridge crews (although I conceile they were unlucky to lose stroke John Woodhouse on the morning of the race in 1979). The question to be posed in: when are we likely to see Cambridge rowing against some tough opposition on the ideawa?

against some rough opposition on the tideway?

Oxford have certainly been in demand by the media, if only because they are coxed by Susan Brown, who on April 4 will creat this particular male bastion, but while Oxford have pooed, they have also raced and conquered Leander, London University, and, last weekend, the British lightweight eight.

They race in the Reading Head this Saturday and then challenge the British heavyweight eight before deciding whether or not to enter the Tideway rate on March 28 and take on the nation. Cambridge, so far, have fact a Tideway Scutters eight with veterang on board, some week bock at Ely.

So it is lard to see, at the

Cricket

### **Compromise** may be the favoured course

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Bridgetown, Mar 2

West Indians everywhere, parti-cularly in Antigua, Jamaica and here in Barbados, are waiting with bated breath for the decision, to be made by the politicians of these be made by the politicians of these three countries and of Monteerrat, whether or not they are in favour of the England cricketers continuing their tour. The remaining Test matches are due to be played at Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, at St John's, Antigua, and at Sahina Park in Kingston, Jamaica. Also on the Itinerary is Montsecrar, with a four-day match against Leeward Islands.

Since England Linduit in Rapha

Since England Linded in Barbador last Friday evening the feeling has been strengthening that Antigua and Barbados will favour a compromise, thinking that it would be seriously inhospitable not to, with the England team already in the Caribbean, and that to take the Guyanese line could have a decastating effect on the future of West Indian cricket. Clive Lloyd and his team, besides being the pride and joy of the Caribbean, are one of the region's most valuable pieces of merchandise.

Attending today's meeting are Mr Henry Forde, the Barbados Foreign Minister, Mr Hugh Shearer, his Jamancan counterpart, his Jamancan counterpart,

Shearer, his Jamaican counterpart, Mr John Osbourne, the Chief Minister of Monteerrat, Mr Lester Minister of Montserrat, Mr Lester Bird, the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister of Antiqua, and Mr Reuben Harris, the Antiqua Minister of Education.

Members of the West Indian Cricket Board are as much in suspense as the Eugland team, and as embarrassed by the whole affair. In the England party there are those who have had enough already of being used as political pawns. "Ler's go now and play South Africa", which is just what the West Indian board is afraid might happen if England were no longer to be made welcome in the



Mr Hugh Shearer : Foreign Minister of Jamaica.

The Gieneagles Commonwealth The Gienergles Commonwealth statement on apartheld in sport, stand in sport, stand in sport, stand in the bracht duty of each Commonwealth severament to combat trigorously the evil of apartheld he withholding any torse in support for, and by taking every practical step to distouring, contact or competition by their national with sporting organizations, transtions, teams or sportsmen from South Africa. At the same time it was "fully believeledged that it was for each government to determine in accordance with its laws the method; by which it might best discharge these commit-

ments".
There are many precedents in There are many precedents in the West Indies for compromise in these matters—both before and after Glenescies. In 1976, for example, while many Caribbean countries were boycotting the Montreal Olympics, Jemaica found a way of sending Don Quarric, their great sprinter, in search of gold medals. Much more recently Guyana, usually the most uncom-

promising of all the Caribbean Lourities, raised no objections to David Baristow playing there, although, since Gleneagles, he has captioned. Since Gleneagles, he has captioned Graqualand West through a Currie Cup season. It was only when, with a flourish, a langualities to backman a background at them that Gavana felt obliged to act.

For the second day running the England team have had practised on the Test ground, on two poorith net pitches. Dilley was missing, though be is expected to bowl again tomorrow, should the topic continue. Dilley was hit on the big toe of his right foot in the one-day international in Barbice, which, although played as recently as last Thursday, seems to have been an age ago. Old is nursing the shoulder injury without which no England tour would be complete. The weather is warm, the sea blue and the promising of all the Caribbean

bock at Ely.

So it is hard to see, at the moment, just what Cambridge are up to. Palmer's crew this year consists of six losing Blues, including the covewain Winglessworth (who is likely to be 1996 heavier than Susan Brown) against Oxford's six winning Blues of last year.

Ladbrokes, the sponsors, do not share Palmer's capilidence either. They readjusted their odds yesterday to 7 to 2 on Oxford; 9 to 4 against Cambridge, Evens are offered on a win by Oxford is warm, the sea blue and the mood one of growing impatience, previously 277 and 120, Western francial 271 and 120, Western province won by 85 runs. are offered on a win by Oxford up to six lengths, and for ix lengths, and for ix lengths and over. Surprisingly, Oxford's greatest winning margin in a Boat Roce this century is

only seven lengths, as recently as 1977. Cambridge cannot be assessed until the adreadin flows and they race some big guns. They may (or may not) meet the Eriush lightweight eight this weekend, whom Oxford have beaten. The lightweights contain four of the world gold medal-winding eight, but are far from racing form and for the taking.

If Cambridge take on the light.

for the taking.

If Cambridge take on the lightweights, it will be a challenge
they cannot in the psychological
sense, afford to lose. Oxford, despite occasional lapses of concentration, were able to take at will
hetween two and two and a half
lapses in these minute rows and hetween two and two and a half lengths in three minute rows and os much as five or six lengths over seven minutes off the lightweights. If anything, at this stage, Oxford may be seen to be racing too much, particularly if they attempt to race in the Tideway Head a week before the Boat Race. Cambridge must be cautiously eyed as simply an unknown quantity.

Whatever the outcome. Oxford

tity.

Whatever she outcome, Oxford and Cambridge with be airlifted at Easter to compete in Japan, It will be the first visit by an Oxbridge crew in over 20 years. They will race other Japanese universities on the 1964 Olympic Toda Course and in a river boat race in Tokyo.

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Jahangir showed the same determination and high quality in the third that had won him the first. He kept up the pressure to win the title.—AP.

### Coughing may disturb The bowler-crested Easterbys' season

Peter Easterby saddled his 60th l'eter hasterles sadded his 60th viller of the season vesterday when Solar Emperor ran clean auge with the Borthy Dun amateur meer, hurdle. This victory gave fasterby's son Tim his 17th succes of the current campaign and sonng Easterby has now an odds on chance to lift the amateur rider,' fithe. Obviously the chamodds on chance to lift the amateur rider," title. Obviously the champhon trainer is still firing on all four cylinders, but he uttered a noise of warning about an outbreak of coughing in his yard.

"Sea Pigcon, Night Nurse, and little Owl are all right at present, but both Prounnent King and Home Ground ran well below parwhen disappointing at Newcasile last wickend, Relt-Na-Nona is still affecting from the epidemic and will have to miss the Phillip Corner saddle of gold final at Sewhury on Saturday. Gowan Loch might be my representative in fiart race", said Easterby.

However, he then added that it was a dry cough and not too serious.

"It is disturbing rather than wortying", he explained with his passion for exacitude. But the series with the National

then working the explained with his passion for exacutude. But all the same, with the National Hunt Fe dival only a formight away it is not exactly a happy situation. Both Alan Jarvis and David

situation.

Both Alan Jarvit and David Nicholson are also enjoying good seasons. Jarvit lad his 33rd win of the campaign when Tommy Carmody rode Prince Bai to a clever one length victory over Ceduc Tara in the tirst division of the Askern Main novices hurdle. Despite looking a shade backward in the paddock Prince Bai guickoned in fine style and obviously had further improvement in tirs.

Prince Eai't main abjective is the Sun Alliance hurdle at Chelitonham and Danhagen, who won his sixth race of the season at Strattord on Saturday, will now be aimed at the Waterford Crystal Supreme novices hurdle at the Pestival. Jarvit struck a good bargain when he bought Prince Bai, Danhagen and Eabal from the Prench, trainer Auge Paus in September.

David Nicholson equalled his best ever total of 33 winners when Peter Scudamore rode Highway Patt to a six-length victory over Megan's Boy in the High Melton

Patt to a six-length victory over Megan's Boy in the High Melton

handicap steeplechase. Megan's Boy was already struggling when a mistake at the second last fence put paid to whatever chance the favourite may have had. Nicholson confirmed that Broadsword was in fine trim for his attack on the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle and said that Highway Patt is now only just starting to become acclimatized.

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"I only bought the horse in running from Mick O'Toole after he had been narrowly beaten by Diamond Edge at Cheltenham in December. The press had been calling my horse all the names under the sun and overlooked his period of acclimatization."

But there was no derving the period of acclimatization."

But there was no denying the zir of authority with which Highway Patt ran his heart out yesterday. A tilt at the national hunt handicap or the kim Muir challenge cup will be Highway Patt's objective at Cheltenham.

Nicholson's jockey, Peter Scudamore, continued in invincible form following his success on Highway Patt. Scudamore rode his Joth winner of the season when driving home China Cottage five lengths clear of Grey Mountain in the day's big face, the Princess Royal Handicap Hurdle. Scudamore is now only eight winners behind John Francome

Little Bay, wearing blinkers for

now only eight winners behind John Francome
Little Bay, wearing blinkers for the first time, made his opposents look distinctly ordinary in the Festersham Novices Chase for Gordon Richards. "Blinkers have made all the difference to the six-year-old", said the Groystoke trainer, "he has been included to look around him and not congentrate on the Joh in hand. I don't think we'll go to Cheltenham as there are some other decent novice races still to be run."

Jenny Pitman also continued her remarkable run of success when Bryan Smart rode Bossall to a comfortable victory in the second division of the novices' hardle. "Bossall has earned the reputation of not being genuine. But all he needed was soft going and a distance of ground", said Mrs Pitman. And there was no denyling the ease with which Bossall disposed of his rivals yesterday.

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were disappointed but not dis-mayed. The horse did not like the conditions and he will probably take on the winder again in the Faxhunters' at the Cheltezham

5 CRAILING HURDLE (Div 1: novices: 1408: 2m)
322123 Armit Water, G. Dun, 10-11-4
000062 Better Red, W. A. Steinberstein, 9-11-4
000-10-0 Cool Sai, T. Rarme, 1-11-4
00 Better Bank, R. MrDonald, 5-11-4
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Tockells Mill, 11-4 Tarchin, 9-2 Better Red, 6-1 Miss Bank, 10-1 Arant Walts, 12-1 Miss Abollo, 20-1 others,

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Goods Tangles Brather (C), T. Craig "-11-1 ...
p1016 Ancher Captain (C), A. Scott, W-10-12 ...
43928 Cateloget, I. Mal Donald I. 11-10-8
up.031 Selection (C), A. State Mandain, T-10-1
22,060 Cethoa (C), A. State Mandain, T-10-1
22,060 Highly Dual (D), C Hell in-10-0
p00142 Whill A Coup (CD), I. Daigti, G-10-0
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3.45 CRAILING MURDLE (Div II: novices: 5505: 2m)

4.15 CESSFORD CHASE (Hunters: £505: 3m)

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2 213- Cayle Warning (CD) J. Dudnyn, 7-12-7
5 13100-9 Master Marmoduka, U. Bell, brider, 1110-2
6 1110-2 Toisten (CD), 11. F. Shrinda, 1-12-7
7 1-0 West Rare, 11. H. F. Shrinda, 1-12-7
7 1-0 West Rare, 11. Harmadison, H-12-7
7 1-0 West Rare, 11. Harmadison, H-12-7
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11 by Myrita, N. Murra, 2-12-6
12 2-3 Whilow Earn, H. Hartel, 7-12-6
13 2-3 Whilow Earn, H. Hartel, 7-12-6
14 2-3 Whilow Earn, H. Hartel, 7-12-6
15 2-3 Whilow Earn, H. Hartel, 7-12-6
16 Viking Knight, 12-1 Prince Krel, 20-1 others.

4.45 YETHOLM CHASE (Novices: £876: 2m 196yd)

15-8 Dusty Duke, 5-1 Lord Procest 10-2 Gorgeous Germa 8-1 Gold Invader, 10-1 Merry Misus, 12-1 Move Up. 20-1

5.15 MERVINSLAW RACE (£493 : 2m Flat)

Festival meeting dater this month sporting and yet again in the Land-Rover

By John Karter

Honest-to-greedness sporting endeavour is not dead. It is aintered and kicking and coursing through the hairts of the hunter chase brigade. Never was time better illustrated than in the tweedy, gamboot atmosphere of Leicester's hunter chase meeting yesterday, when beaming faces greeted mudsphalthered also-rank as affectionately as if they had won Grand Nationals.

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This muddled goggles were nearly the downfull of the gallant Mr Hind, however. Having gone clear of his nearest rual on the run-min, he found that the teast

clear of his nearest rival on the run-in, he found that the teast was inerally "Here's mud in your cye". Never mind what the professionals would have done. 50 yards from the post Mr. Hind discussed that those needles had to

but now that the Fred Winters of this world are buying young horses and training them spect fically for these events, that idea is often lost sight of. There are many who would like to see taings made a lote harder for the prolessionally trained animals.

The news is not all black. A ruddy faced St George in the slay the Winter dragon yesterday and the cheers and back-slapping aimost raised the grandwand roof. It happend in the main race of the day, the Sturgess Hugher's Steeplechase a qualifier for the Land-Rover Champion Hunter's Steeplechase a Qualifier for the weedung in London of Elly Lenoe, daughter of Capital Micros Lenoes, the main patron or the Chive Britain Mable for whom he rode, His for Micros Lenoes, the main patron or the Chive Britain Mable for whom he rode, His for Micros Lenoes, the main patron or the Chive Britain Mable for whom he rode, His for Micros Lenoes, the main patron or the Chive Britain Ma

ride at the start of the new flat racing season.

However, three weeks from the start of the flat, he accepted his face: "Although I made a superh recovery, you have to be 100 per cent fit to think of race riding. As I have lost some field of vision, I will never attain physical fitness to that standard ", he said.

### A fine drizzle of wickets

longer to be made welcome in the Caribbean. Even as it is, the chances of another English vielt to Guyana, at least while Mr Forbes Burnbam is in power, can be ruled out.

Dunedin, March 2.—Ravi Shastri claimed five wickets for 22 runs as the Indian cricketers demolished Otago by an inmings and 14 runs today. Rain more than once threatened to rob the Indians of victory, and a drizzle was falling when Shastri wrapped up the match by breaking a stubborn last-wicket stand.

He trapped Bracewell leg-before after be bad scored 21 in a final partnership with Boock (18 not out; which contributed 29 to the total of 117. It was the Iodians's first win of their New Zealand tour and it boosted their morale after their 62-run defeat in the first Test match last week. Otago fost six wickets for 60 runs yesterday, bur dismal weather threatened to foll the Indians today. The start was delayed and play continued through drizzling rain at times.

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During Otago's stubborn lastwicket stand Boock twice lost his
footing on the slippery pitch and
twice appealed to the umpires to

Gene Mayer

indoor double

Memphis, Tennessee, March 2.

Gene Mayer completed his stroil through the United States Indoor tennis championships by defeating Roscoe Tanner 6—2, 6—4 in 70 minutes in the final yesterday. Mayer, seeded second, won the tournament without losing a set.

Holding a ministure cotton bale, a silver bowl and a cheque for \$36,000, Mayer said afterwards:
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halt play. His requests were

refused and Otago's innings ended shortly after lunch. The only batsman besides the tail-end pair to reach double figures was Blakely, who made the top score of 33 in 160 minutes. IMOIAMS: First language 318 (Y. Sharma 89; C. P. S. Chauhan 83; J. Bracevell 7 for 155; C. Garages 187 (B. Bieir 65; K. Azad 6 (Gr 50);

Second Innings 

Miss Hanika

wins a final

moining a minature cotton bale, a silver bowl and a cheque for \$36,000. Mayer said afterwards:

"This is almost like coming home—the Independent Presbyterian Church has been cheering for me all week, but they got a little drowned out today with all these Tennessee fans."

Mayer also won the doubles title with his brother, Sandy, bearing Mike Cahill and Tom Gullikson, 7-6, 6-7, 7-6,—AP.

Martina Navratilova in Cincinnati in January. But the tournament was without big names such as Chris Evert, Tracy Austin and Miss Navratilova.

In the final, Miss Porter won only three points in the first three games and Miss Hanika took a 4-0 lead. In the second set, Miss Hanika broke service in the seventh game. In a play-off match, Bettina Bunge defeated Kathy Jordan, 7-6.

Seartle, Mar 2.—Sylvia Hanika, a 21-year-old West German left-hander, won the Avon singles title here yesterday, Her 6—2, 6—4 victory over Barbara Ponter, another lefthander, earned her \$24,000.

It was Miss Hanika's first success in her second Avon final this year, having been heaten by Marrina Navratilova in Cincinnatin Lanuary. But the tournament

#### Two matches to decide title

Perth. March 2.—Western Australia took the lead in the Sheffield Shield competition when they beat New South Wales by 115 runs today. Western Australia, who won with over an bour to spare, now lead the Shield table with 114 points from Owensland with 114 points from Queensland, with 113, and New South Wales, 105.

The competition will be decided hy the outcome of next weekend's games between Western Australia and Queensland to Perth and New South Wales and Tasmania to South Wales

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SCORES: Woslern Adamsils 328 for 6 dec and 314 for 7 dec 18 March 75 and rell, K. Hugher 75, C. Shipperd 55: New South Wales 262 for 8 dec and 270 f). Dyson 133 not onl. 8. Rysun 66; T. Alderman 5 for 301.—Retuer. 

#### Squash rackets

#### Jahangir keeps up pressure at second attempt to defeat Hunt

Magich, March 2.—Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, bear the world champion, Geoff Hunt, in their first ever encounter, in the final of a squash tournament here yesterday. Jahangir was 9—0, 8—10, 9—4, 9—6, setting the stage for the British Open a month from now.

Jahangir did not give Hunt i chance in the first game, but in the second, Hunt tried a different tartic, changing the pace constantly and gradually got on top. But it was the Australian's only, Bright moment.

#### Plumpton programme



3.30 INTERCRAFT CHASE (Selling handicap: £1,126: 2m 3f) | INTERCRAFT CHASE (Selling handicap: £1,125; 2m 3f) | 24 000p | Color | Color

4.0 WALLANDS HURDLE (Div II: 4y-o novices: £552: 2m) 2-1 Cliv Link Engress, 5-1 Ansumdus, 7-2 Baron Blaktney, 7-1 Aibriza, 12-1 Black Earl, 14-1 Calvanial, 16-1 Laurium, 20-1 others.

4.30 SCOTTS CHASE (Handicap: £1,702: 2m 3f) | ACC:| Solibal Sport (CO), D. Gandolfo, 7-11-5 ... P. Barton 300019 | Gistando, U. Wiss 9-11-2 ... J. Archurat 7 p-12523 | Tagros (E1), N. Handerson, 7-11-1 | S. Smith Eccles 0, 3-0502 | Series | Series | A. Moorre 2-10-13 | G. Moore 2 (C323 3) | Irish Osickateps, M. P. Dickt son, 11-10-12 | Mr. P. Wit ber 3-p3026 | Right Regal (B), J. Old 1-10-7 | Francome 001001 | Commander Christy, H. O'Nelli, 5-10-5 | G. Graccy 4 (C323 3) | Carrey 1 | G. Moore 2 (C323 3) | Carrey 1 | G. Without 1 | G. Withou 11-4 Santul Scott, 7-2 Zagros, 4-1 Kings Champion, 6-1 Vaunted, 7-1 Citssando, 10-1 Irish Oulchsleps, 14-1 Bonny's Boy, 16-1 others.

5.0 MADHATTERS SWEEPSTAKES (Amateurs: 2m Flat)

Plumpton selections

By Michael Seely 2.0 Imperium, 2.39 Medoc, 3:0 Tompion, 3.30 London Journal, 4.0 City Link Express, 4.30 Zagros, 5.0 Topseed.

## Kelso selections

By Michael Seely 2.15 Tocketts Mill. 2.45 PEATY SANDY is specially recommended. 3.15 Quay Man. 3.45 Hold Off. 4.15 Queensberry Lad. 4.45 Lord Provost. 5.15 Mont-A-L'Abbe.

#### Leicester results

1. 15 (1 to GARTHORPE CHASE (DIV 1) Modern Hugers, Colory Smit 

2.15 (2.20) MELTON HUNT CHASE CHUNIC. CONFUSION b g by brarin General-Fine Fuller (G. Pooper) 19-13-2 car 11-5 car 

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2.15 (2.49) STURGESS CHASE
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Mr. G. Saunders (12-1) 1

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(50s) 10b, 13 ian, AR; Choral
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3 13 11.181 MEYNELL CHASE (Handican' Amaleurs: \$1,138. 2 m)
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Solindum (F. Coton', 10-10-0
Forbidden Fruit
Ar T. Thomson Jones (7:41 2
Regents Choice
Mr T. G. Dun (23-1) 3
TOTE Win \$1 34: places 2 p. 10s.
\$7.0. Dual F: \$2,49. CSF: \$6 40. F.
Coton, 21 Nottingham, 201, 81. Zarzantine (160-1), 486 9 ran,

3.47 (3.17) THRUSTERS CHASE (Hunters: 6622, 200) (Hunters: 6622, 2m)

SILVERTOWN, or g, by Warwick—
Sea Snake (Mr. J. Barnbridge),
13-11-3 Miss Allson Dare (7-2) 1

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Mr. R. Stuart Hunt (2-1 fav) 2

Marchal Miss. P. Mumford (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win, 480; places 15n, 18n, 17n, Dual [7-2], 91, CSF, 21,04, Mr. J. Bainbridge, at Berkeley, 201, 11, Jim Lad (0-1), 4th, 9 ran.

4.15 (4.18) CARTHORPE CHASE (Div II Maiden huniors: 1630: 5m JIMNYFISHER, b g. by Tricolare— Flaming Out (P Mann: 10-12-0) Mr P. Mann: 17-1: 1 Taken On Miss C. Saunders: 17-1: 2 Chingsun Mr P. Woolkey (10-1): 3 Chingson Mi R. Woolkey (16-1) 2

TOTE Win, 1900, places, 200, 250, 510, Dual F 1-27 Cases, 200, 250, 250, 510, Dual F 1-27 Cases, 200, 250, Hunter's Guine, 2-1 Int. Lorn-Da. Pot 18-1, 3th 13 ran. NR: Key's Dream PLACEPOT, £10, 45.

#### Doncaster results 2.0 (2.2) ASHERN MAIN HURDLE (DIV 1' NOVICE), 2000 2'(m)

2.50 (2.31) BARNEY GUN HURDLE SOLAR EMPEROR, ch o. by Tyrani —Lura (1 Edward), (1907 b) Mr T. Edward), (21 Ed) Pages (27 A. Helmarha) (21) Rigorous Mr S. K. Stappon (2011)

TOTE M. B. (220), Silver, 150, 100, 51 24. Dual F. (20), CSF (1.64), M. H. Enderby at Great Habing St. H. Rack von Ten (7-1) 3th, 17 ran, NB Pin, Babus Ern? 5.0 (5.01) RICH MELTON CHASE (Hardica), Cd 1.55 Admin

3.50 (5.52) PRINCESS ROYAL NURDLE (Handicap: U.S.071\* 2m 1.2b, 4).
CHINA COD b 9 by Cumshaw— ubite Goddess (Alex M. White) 8-10-0 . P. Scudamore (12-1) 1
Grey Meuntain
G Enright (9-2 fav) 2
Bertle Me Boy Mr T. Easterby (12-1) 3
TOTT: Win. \$1.09; pieces, 28n, 14n, 48n Duri F; £2.47 CSF; 26 66 P. D. Francis at Waipas 5f, 5f Bamp (5-1) 4th, 12 ran. NR: Anomied, 4.01 EFFERMAM CMASE (S-1) 4th. 12 ran. NR: Anomied.

40 1 FEVEREMAM CHASE
(Novices, II.492, 2m 150yd)

LITTLE BAY b g by Little Buskins
—Roem Bay Mrs S. Cather
wood b-11-10 b

Glacer Reichup C. Tinkier (14-1) 2

Colic Porter G. McCourt (25-1) 3

TOTE h.m. 17p. places, 12p. 56n, 21-35, Dual F. Co. 10, CSF (1.5)

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4 50 (131) ASKEPIN MAIN MILITANE Revalus. Benowen

1 to 1.51 ASKERN MAIN HURDLE
(Div II: Novices: 26-0 3',m)

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Barbara (Mrs C. Bielby, 5-11-0

Ethy Ares ... B. Smart (15-1) 1

Ethy Ares ... B. Dullon (5-1) 2

Orchard Park P. Harman (5-2 fav. 3)

TOTE 10'n 20' 1 places 53 

#### Badminton

#### All eyes will be on young South Korean newcomer Saori Kondo, of Japan, whom she beat in the 1979 final, in her

By Richard Streeton By Richard Streeton
A first round meeting between Rudi Hartono (Indonesia) and Flemming Delfs (Denmark), the present and immediate past world champions, was the highlight when the draw for the All-England badminton championships was made in London yesterday. Hartono, who has won the tule a record eight times, makes his first appearance in the event since 1978. He came out of retirement last year to win the world title last year to win the world title in his own country. Hartono is seeded to meet his compatriot.

seeded to meet his compariot. Liem Swie King, in the final; Delfs, the 1977 All-England champion, and a shadow of the player he was, has not been seeded.

All the world's leading players after from the Chinese will be at the championships at Wembley from March 25 to 29, sponsored by John Player. China. who make a six-match tour of England and by, John Player. China, who make a six-match tour of England and Wales in May, still belong to the breakaway World Badminton Federation, although meetings with the International Badminton Federation later this month are expected to bring a merger of the two bodies. A record 23 Countries will be taking part at Wembley, including South Korea for the first time.

South Korea provide the championships' most exclung newcomer in Sun Ei Hwang, who is 19 and virtually unknown. On her first visit to Europe she has been seeded second behind the holder. Lene Köppen, of Denmark, in the

seeded second behind the holder. Lene Röppen, of Denmark, in the women's singles. In her first international events. Miss Hwang won both the Taiwan invitation tournament and the Japanese Open in January. All the world's leading players except for Miss Köppen and Lee lyana, of Indonesia, were competing.

competing.

Miss Hwang's background is slightly mysterious. She is reputed to have been trained under the strictest discipline in a Seoul convent for the past four years in readiness to be launched on the badminton world. She is tall, moves rapidly about the court and makes her crokes with immense makes her strokes with immense power. Due to her lack of experience she is a pervous starter,



Parliament building, Kuwait, and the ruler, Emir Jaber al Ahmed al Sabah, who risked fresh parliamentary elections.

### Keeping on terms with the Gulf

The Prime Minister has some fence-mending to

do to convince Arab rulers that the

West wants to cooperate, not dictate to them ...

Is there a chance of genuine democracy developing in the Gulf? The question is becoming more urgent in the wake of Mrs Thatcher's visit to Washington, as the United States starts to discuss with its European allies. discuss with its European allies what western policy toward the Gulf should be. Some foreign policy officials in the Reagan Administration take the view that since the Gulf is a region of vital interest to the United States, and the West as a whole, local regimes—whatever their character—must be propped up at all costs.

European leaders, on the other hand, would like to see the Sultans and Emirs of the Gulf States responding more actively to pressures within their countries for social and political change. Oil supplies and security go hand in hand for the Europeans, just as they for the Europeans, just as they do for the Americans—more so, in fact, since Western Europe is more dependent on oil from the Gulf than America. But on this side of the Atlantic, the long term view is that the best way of ensuring stability in the Gulf is if local regimes adopt democratic forms of government. And the corollary of that is that if changes are not made, the resulting woheavals could the resulting upheavals could damage western interests. There are some signs that the Gulf States — which after all have only been independent for a relatively short time—are on the move. Kuwait is a case

in point. Because of its position

at the north-west end of the Gulf, Kuwait is of strategic

importance, and its high oil output gives it a key economic role. Experiments with democracy in this tightly-ruled emirate might seem risky, but the ruling al Sabah family has shown courage and determination in medical in the ruling state. tion in modernizing Kuwait's institutions as well as its

Elections to a National Assembly were held in Kuwait following independence from Britain in 1961. But the Assembly was dissolved in 1976, on the grounds that it was dominated by "dangerous radicals" who were subverting the state. Some of those advis-ing Emir Jaber al Ahmed al Sabah would no doubt have liked the National Assembly to remain defunct. But he has risked fresh parliamentary elections, and the result has vindicated his trust in Kuwaiti common sense.

poorly, on the other hand, even though the Khomeini revolution is based on the Shia branch of Islam, and a quarter of Kuwait's population are Shi-Ites.

Kuwaiti democracy is far from perfect, however. Under rom perfect, however. Under Islamic law, women are effectively disenfranchised, so that only male Kuwaitis are eligible to vote. Over half the population of Kuwait consists of foreign migrant workers, from the Indian sub-continent, Iran, North and South Yemen, even from Oman further down the Gulf, and they too are hanned Gulf, and they too are banned from voting. This second class status is common for im-migrants throughout the Gulf region, and a potential source of friction.

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Government-supported candidates swept the board (not without a little help in the way of publicity). Islamic fundamentary institutions. Throughout the Golf, in fact, power is in the hands of small family groups, and although oil revenues have brought prosperity, how that prosperity is used depends on how enlight-

Saudi society does percolate upward, so that decisions are not made at the top in isolation.

Technological change is in any case obliging Gulf rulers increasingly to delegate authority to young often western-educated technocrats. The problem for the West is how to encourage change of this kind, without opening the way for revolutionary groups likely to introduce regimes more despo-tic than the existing ones.

The ruling families of the Gulf are very much aware of the conflicts which threaten them, including strife between Shia and Sunni Muslims, antagonism between migrant workers and indigenous populations, and the appeal of Islamic fundamentalism. But they are naturally sensitive to what they see as attempts to impose policies on them, whether in connexion with the protection of oil supplies or internal change.

Mrs Thatcher's insensitively phrased remarks in Washington about the need for a western military force in the Gulf have brought out the negative side of the always ambivalent Arab relationship with Britain, which until 10 years ago was the main regional power. The Prime Min-ister has a fair amount of fencemending to do during her visit to the Gulf next month if she is to convince local rulers that the Europeans are sensitive to their needs, and want to cooperate with them rather than dictate to them.

Bernard Levin

## Why I will take my chance with the bosses

A body called the Campaign for Press Freedom (in the title of which the word "freedom" plays roughly the same tole as does "duck" in "Bombay duck", "first-class" in "first-class post", or for that matter. "People's " in "People's Republic of Albania") has expressed its view on the purchase of The Observer by Lourho and of Times Newspapers by Mr Murdoch. The organization proposes that a "supervisory board" of "public trustees" should be set up by Parliament "to take overall responsibility of the government's appointees, certainly are (I quote again from the statement by the Campaign for Press Freedom). "responsible for long-term policy decisions about both the editorial and business development of the paper and the appointment of the appointment are urging that Parliament should make the choice").

should make the choice").

That, as Bertie Wooster used to say, made the old head swim a bit. The newspapers in this country—the national ones, anyway—are in a fairly parlous condition, but so is a man with acute peritonitis, yet suggestions that he should jump off Beachy Head as a means of curing it would, I imagine, be looked at askance by the patient. I have no doubt that some of the more eager Campatient. I have no doubt that some of the more eager Campaigners for Press Freedom look forward to the day when, the Parliament - appointed "supervisory board" having taken "overall responsibility" for the press (would anybody who believed that it would stop at The Observer and Times Newspapers, or is even meant stop at The Observer and Times Newspapers, or is even meant to, kindly leave the room, because if there is one thing I can't abide it is naivery), a government headed by Mr Wedgwood Benn, himself, naturally, a supporter of this dubious Campaign, will start handing out the jobs ("Parliament should make the choice just as it does in the case of membership of the Independent Broadcasting Authority or the Board of Governors of the BBC").

I could write the list now, Indeed, I shall. The Press Authority, in such circumstances,

Indeed, I shall. The Press Authority, in such circumstances, would consist of Mr Ted Knight of Lambeth Council and the Militant Tendency; Mr Arthur Scargill; Ms Frances Morell; Mr Michael Meacher, MP; Mr Denis McShane; a representative, ex officio, of the Anti-Nazi League; Miss Vanessa Redgrave; Mr Paul Foot; Miss Joan Maynard, MP; Mr Bruce Page; Mr Moss Evans (who already believes that the ancient practice of licensing the press should be revived); Mr Felix Greene; Mr Corin Redgrave; Mr Tariq Ali; and the Editor, pro tem. of Time Out. (Corresponding members, some strilling difficulmembers, some trifling difficul-ties with the Home Office making ir impossible for them to visit this country, will be Mr Ralph Schoemman and Mr Philip

Agee.)
But the important thing about this pescilent proposal is not the use to which it might ultimately be put, and to which, indeed,

ans of which the above is a most precise description are Prauda and Investia, and to judge by all I hear from my many friends on both papers the system works with great efficiency and harmony. But the result is not what I mean by press freedom. If it comes to that, the Campaign for Press Freedom also says that the Freedom also says that the supervisory board will ensure that the press is "accountable to the public at large". But it already is, every day of its life, as the readers decide whether or not to buy it.

or not to buy it. Once the Government-any government—starts taking over-all or any other kind of "res-ponsibility" for the press, the ponsibility" for the press, the press might as well go out of business at once. (The analogy with the IBA and the BEC Governors is, of course, false. The number of broadcasting channels is limited, for technical reasons among others; in the case of the commercial to be made among those com-peting for the right to use them, and in the case of both the commercial channels and the BBC editorial opinion has to aim at impartiality among competing political and other

The other day I criticized Lord Denning's thesis about the duty of the press to be "responsible". I argued that the press has no such responsibility, and must never have it imposed, because free speech, if it is to be meaningful at all, must be equally available to must be equally available to scoundrels and honest men, to the irresponsible as well as the responsible, to those who want to use it for bad ends no less than to those who want to use it for good. Once that principle is forgotten or eroded, there is no place to stop short of a body outside the press being given the duty of defining responsibility and enforcing their definition with appropriate penalties.

But that call for a "responsible" press was expressed in the obiter dicta of an eminent judge who was certainly not suggesting government control of the press; his remedy was only the use of the existing law

preting and applying ("Someone has to be truste let it be the judges".) Ex let it be the judges".) Even it made my dissent cleand I was interested to act agreement, from fellow-inum lists proud to accept my denition of our profession essentially and vitally a collation of rogues and vagabon Some of these were from in maliste involved in roce nalists involved in rece hattles which involved prefreedom in a most direct we I hope they will be equa-ready to condemn this p posterous and sinister devok

For there is one imports and revealing difference tween the recent rows and t current one. In the former tenemy was the law and t judges; now it is the boss (There was another distincting the control of fact; the control of too, as a matter of fact; to interference with press for dom in the former had actual taken place, whereas at to moment the opposition is bei mounted at interference whi hasn't. It does make a diffi-ence, you know.) Those want to restrict the press the name of the law can sure to find our more-active journalists dery sure to tind our misse-active journalists detying them; it is not quite fashionable, I suspect, to de those who want to restrict to press in the name of independence from the wicks Capitalists.
So let us pose the question

as starkly as we can. Let assume the very worst possit assume the very worst possit lity; that Mr Rupert Murdot and Mr "Tiny" Rowland have intention of abiding by the pledges they have given, the they will interfere in the newspapers' editorial indepedence, that they will try remove matter critical of the other business activities, the they will, in short, prove ther seives to be villains of the darkest hue. If we assume a that, we are in a position know instantly where we staren the freedom of the pressor the question then is: wob. you rather bave that, or wou. you rather have that, or wou, you rather have the Gover ment appoint a "supervisor ment appoint a "supervisor board" to "take overall 'r sponsibility" for the presincluding "long-term polit decisions about both the editorial and business detelor ment of the paper", so that may be "accountable to the public at large"?

Applying that test, I have r doubt at all where I stand. F the bosses the greatest blac guards unhanged, I will tak my chance with them, and fig. them when I have to (and i my time I have had to), rathe than concede the state powe one atom of the right to "supervise" the press. And that is why I am a supporter of the campaign for press freedom, and therefore as opponent of the Campaign for

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### The EEC farm policy that is not as black as it is painted

Commission's proposals for true that this is about 70 per agricultural prices for the com- cent of total Community exagricultural prices for the coming year, attention is once
again focused on the Common
Agriculture Policy and its
central part in European
affairs. Familiar arguments can
be heard about the alleged ex-

community was concentrating too much of its energies and its resources on agriculture and

when commentators turn their attention to European agriul-

With the publication of the EEC the Community budget. It is cessive costs of the policy and used within it. National govits impact on United Kingdom ernment expenditure commonly Michael Shanks argued re-cently in The Times that the United Kingdom the percentage reached 46 per cent in 1975/76. Expenditure on the CAP is rather less than 1 per

Its resources on agriculture and ignoring serious problems in manufacturing industry.

It is not for me to say whether the Community should have more fully developed industrial policies, or what such policies should be, but I would like to put right some of the misconceptions and inaccuraties which continue to appear when commentators turn their

then commentators turn their job providers. Agriculture trention to European agriuling comploys relatively fewer people in the United Kingdom than First, agriculture's share of in other Community countries

because the benefits of agriculture can be forgotten

Kingdom for every person employed on the farm another employed on the farm another two are employed in industries which supply goods for farming, or process and market farm output. If the same holds true throughout the Community (and the proportion could in practice be higher) then there, are more than 20 million jobs which are dependent upon arriculture and dependent upon agriculture and horticulture. So it does not to underestimate the importance of the industry in economic or employment terms.
Thirdly, the idea that all

but, largely because of a fine record in improving productivity, it remains Britain's biggest primary industry. Also, regard must be paid to the importance of agriculture to other sectors.

We reckon that in the United Kingdom for every person the cannot be disposed of conditional products are usually in themselves quite unrepresentative of realistic property.

CAP prices are wildly out of now reduced to the level they were at immediately before the great grain crisis of the early 1970s and additional land suitable for grain growing is no condition. The products are usually in themselves quite unrepresentative of realistic property and the prices on world markets, and are giving rise to great grain crisis of the early 1970s and additional land suitable for grain growing is no conditional conditions. representative of realistic production costs. They often represent residual markets covering a relatively small proportion of total world supplies and the prices at which regular large purchases can be made

ened and adaptable the individual ruler is.

In Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman al-Khalifa is advised by a council partly drawn from circles outside the royal family, and is hoping to introduce a national assembly before long. On the other hand, a group talling itself the Islamic Front for the Liberation of Bahrain has claimed that unrest is systematically repressed, and even Amnesty International has expressed concern over the death

pressed concern over the death in detention of two political prisoners last year.

It is sometimes argued that western institutions and mores are not necessarily appropriate to Islamic cultures, which have their

their own time-honoured methods for consultation be-

tween rulers and ruled. This argument is most forcefully put

argument is most forcefully put in Saudi Arabia, the giant of the region, from which the smaller states in many ways take their lead. There are no political parties in Saudi Arabia, and all key cabinet posts are in the hands of the ruling family of al-Saud. But under the Islamic tradition of Shura, information about the needs of

Slanging the CAP is a fashionable but dangerous pastime

ened and adaptable the indi-

EEC level. Indeed, at present, even the "world" prices of a number of the main agricultural products are moving towards, or are above, the EEC levels. World consumption of grain has exceeded production for the past two years. Stocks have

are normally much nearer to

supplies of grain.

People often fail to comprehend the large quantities of food that would be needed to replace even a modest reduc-tion in Community supplies. Australia's total availability of beef for export in 1979 was, for example, only some 700,000 tonnes-equivalent to perhaps 15 per cent of Community production. Given that there are other customers for that meat, one has to ask what effect an increased EEC import requirement might have on the offering prices of agricultural

a real surplus in the EEC are milk and sugar. Currently, with world prices above EEC levels, sugar is not a problem. Even the milk problem could be eased materially by a proper food and development aid programme but I accept that measures are required to stem the upward trend in EEC milk production.

production. The fourth misconception is that European farmers are growing far at the expense of the rest of the Community. In fact, farm incomes have lagged badly behind those in other sectors. In this country, for example, farm incomes in real terms have been halved in four years. Despite our economic problems, wage earners in most manufacturing and other sectors bave managed to keep abreast of inflation. Real farm incomes bave fallen in all other Community countries as well, and in Denmark they have fallen no capacity is to be sustained and National Farmers Union.

In practice, the only temper-ate products of which there is same period. And, contrary to a real surplus in the EEC are popular mythology, agriculture be put into agriculture. Slang year to January 1981, the retail price index in the United Kingdom rose by 13 per cent but the cost of food went up by only 9 per cent. Farm prices went up by even less.

It is tempting, therefore, to a full-blown crisis. put the farmers' case on the CAP in terms of a fair comparison of incomes with the rest of the population. But to do so would be to overlook an even more important under-lying concern. The British Isles and Europe are blessed with productive land and a good climate for food producresources can be of great long term benefit to our own consumers and to people elsewhere in the world not similarly blessed. But if the productive

be put into agriculture. Slang and horticulture have been act- ing the CAP is a fashionable ing as a brake on inflation and pastime but it is a dangerous not as an accelerator. In the one because it can lead to one because it can lead to a situation where the economic and social benefits which derive from agriculture are forgotten. Farming is a resilient industry but it will not take very much more "restraint" to precipitate

The test of the CAP, and of the farm ministers who administer it, is not so much whether a few resources can be diverted from agriculture into other Community policies, but whether the decisions can be made which will sustain for the next decades the contribution which agriculture has made to the British and European economy in the period since the

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#### LONDON DIARY

#### The victorious gang of three at the LSE

I can offer a crumb of comfort to Messes Owen, Rodgers and company as they are roundly abused this morning by their parliamentary colleagues for resigning the Labour whip. Their embryo social democratic party has won its first election. And the victory should be all the sweeter for having occurred at the London School of Econo-

Despite its lingering reputation as a hothouse of pro-nouncedly leftist student politics, social democratic candidates have captured the top three places in the LSE's student union elections, defeating hopefuls from a student Labout Club which has recently enjoyed divisions and defections not unakin to those the grown up party has been experiencing nationally.

John Muntord, a former president of the National Union of School Students, Keir Hop-ley and Nick Newman, all politics students, were elected as general secretary (in effect the president), senior treasurer and social secretary of the LSE point but are also concerned union, despite the fact that the social democratic grouping (too soon to call it a party) was formed only a formight ago. may yet regret the passing of

To add insult to injured pride, the outgoing general secretary Ed Jacob, elected last year on a Labour Club ticket, has also defected to the social

The winning candidates place at least part of their success at the feet of Shirley Williams, who addressed a packed Fabian Society meeting on the eve of the pall the poll.

Jacob told The Times yester-day that issues at the LSE reflected the national issues confronting the Labour Party whether he should be accountable to the Labour Club or the union as a whole, whether the student paper should be the voice of the union or semi-independent, and how far the union should push LSE into resisting rises in overseas' students' fees, whatever the consequences.

New secretary Munford, who with Hopley is a former Labour Club member, said: "We are interested in practical policies rather than sloganizing. We have left-wing aims but we are democrats."

He hoped their success would be mirrored in other student unions. "There are plenty of students who basically have a left-wing standthe University seats from the Watch this space tomorrow for further centrist revelations.

Eureka!

This is the promised moment at least 200 of you have been waiting for—the result of my recent compention to compose an encomium on Greece's accession to the EEC using English words derived from Greek. Given the difficulty of the task, the response was gratifyingly enormous, spurred on no doubt by the draw of a glitter-ing prize of the kind more often found in that less expensive popular newspaper which has recently become our sister-in-

law.
The outright winner is Peter
Peterson of Field Cottage. Farnham, Blandford Forum, Dorset, His entry was one of the shortest, an elegant pair of

apphics:
Down with archaic,
xenophobic anthems!
Let us Philhellenes with
enthusiastic Polyglot paeans hymn in
Sapphic metre
New symbiosis.
Let lyre and syrinx through
the empyrean

week's holiday for two by Olympic Holidays. He wins not just for brevity, which is a virtue in journalism, but for neatness of expression. The judges, glassy-eyed from reading those 200-plus entries, were saddened by how many automatically disquakfied themselves by writing far more than

the maximum 200 words asked They were surprised by how many more words directly des-cended from Greek than are dreamed of in their philosophy you had dug out. But how few verbs there are. Odd.

To be magisterial, too many competitors strove to show off their erudition rather than write good English or even sense. Entries came from as far away as Japan. One clever acrostic entry spelled PHILHELLENE. Several ingeniously alliterative entries worked their way through the alphabet from alpha to zeta. It was a pleasure to see so many schoolchildren putting up such a good show. One Oxford undergraduate wrote her encomium in the shape of a

map of Greece (minus Mount Athos). Numerous couples com-peted against each other.

head Mr Halliwell of the abovementioned acrostic.

Third prize of a bottle of 7
Star Greek brandy, guaranteed

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Tory Central Office are stresslost ".

No member of the committee mentioned acrostic.

Third prize of a bottle of 7star Greek brandy, guaranteed
to make you feel as though
struck by Zeus's bolt, goes to
Mr E. K. Stopford of Oxford

for a short, persuasive entry in good Greek-English prose.

Sir David Hunt, one of the judges, will present the prizes at a suitably Bacchic orgy to be announced. Meanwhile thanks to all who took cort. to all who took part: I wish we could have sent you all to the

Tiger at bay

Mrs Thatcher, fresh from her Mrs Thatcher, fresh from her uncompromisingly hawkish performance in the United States, will be pleased to hear the news from the constituency of Cardiff West, currently occupied by the Speaker, George Thomas. Local Conservatives have adopted Stefan Terlezki, a Ukranian Cardiff city councillor of pronouncedly rightwing views, to contest the seat at the next election.

Terlezki could not under any

Terlezki could not under any Terlezki could not under any circumstances be mistaken for a Tory wet. He favours a national referendum to try to curb "damaging union power", but he should not be under-rated; when he opposed James Callaghan in 1974 he reduced the Labour majority by more than 8,000 votes.

There is of course something

nominated in amicipation of George Thomas's retirement; the last and only occasion they fought the Speaker's sear was in 1895.

Indeed, for the first three decident, for the first three

decades of this century, Speakers' seats were not contested by any party. Since then someone has challenged the someone has challenged the Speaker at every election; of the uine elections held in Speakers' seats between 1935 and 1974, four have been contested by independents, five by Labour, and three by Liberals. When he last faced the electors in 1979, Capron Thomas comin 1979, George Thomas com-fortably thwarted the aspira-tions of Welsh Nationalist and National Front candidates, even though his position prevented

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him from campaigning.

A severe attack of oriental amnesia has struck the Hong-kong Oxford and Cambridge Society, which is trying to remember who is its current vice-president in order that he

of the honourable club can the eleventh hour; to be pre-apparently recall who was then cise, it was at 11.30 last Friday appointed vice-president, a post night, half an hour before which involves automatic ascension to the presidency the following year. Not even the successful appointee, it appears, can remember that he was picked. It must have been quite

a party. The The outgoing president, Jonty Driver, has publicly announced that he and the announced that he and the secretary will be running an open line telephone day and night for any members who have "helpful information". Naturally they hope for a call from the vice-president should his memory be restored.

Driver, ever an optimist, believes that Oxbridge honour will prevent any imposter from claiming a title that is not rightfully his.

Third storey

Following the news that the august Royal Institute of British Architects has caught the Lon-Let lyre and syrinx through the empyrean the empyrean Echo euphoric in ecstatic chorus, Halling with frenzied, syncopated rhythm Hellas in Europe!"

He wins the first prize of a Urn. She pipped by a short in the interval of a tradition that the Speaker, in a somewhat embarrassed that the society's annual Boat Race dioner at the Royal Hongkong thrown his hat into the ring. The second prize of L. R. Palmer's The Greek Language or a 125 book token goes to Syncopated rhythm liant parody of the first staura of Keats's Ode To A Grecian Urn. She pipped by a short in the control of the first staura of a tradition that the Speaker, in a somewhat embarrassed statement, has disclosed that the society's annual Boat Race dioner at the Royal Hongkong thrown his hat into the ring. He is Jake Brown, who works for the Greater London Coun-

practice architect, and delivered his challenge even later than nominations closed.

Brown will be fighting Andrew Derbyshire, the senior vice-president who was expected to be elected unopposed, and Owen Luder, a former and Owen Luder, a former treasurer. Since none has yet issued a manifesto, I can only guess that the main issues are likely to involve the ethics of allowing architects to advertise is too aloof and elitist.

I hear that the TUC and the Tory Government are locked in an unusual embrace of cooperation to head of a potential embarrassment. Next Monday union leaders are one to visit the Department of Employment the Department of Entitional the adquarters to unveil a centenary plaque to Ernest Bevin founder of the TGWU and Churchill's minister of labour-Unfortunately, that very day civil servants are staging a one-day strike; neither side wishes to soil the Bevin memory with the sight of the TUC general council crossing a picket line. and alternative plans are being hurriedly examined.

Alan Hamilton

As money gets tighter the public asks a pertinent question

### Is the growth in government expenditure desirable?

The share of our output that governments spend on paying their employees and buying in conomic growth rates have slowed, however, the public are starting to question the desirstarting to question the desirstarting to question the desirability of this growth in govern. shares noted. ment expenditure.

The statistics which purport to measure government output at constant prices largely reflect not the quantity of services produced, but the quantity of manpower and other resources that are used in supplying those services. There is, therefore, no easy way of testing whether the value obtained from government worse position. The increase in

a nation should buy less of a resources devoted to governservice if its relative price increases and more if it the services will have to have improved even faster than their compares trends in the price of government services relative to the services will have to have improved even faster than their relative price.

There is little evidence to the services relative to the services will have the quality as taken as a whole, with the share in the quantity of resources devoted to these services. The relative price estimates make might be tempted to adopt the circular argument that any little or no allowance for improvements in the quantity or the services. The table can, however, be used to estimate by how much these factore must have risen in each country to justify the trends in the allocation of resources.

In Germany the quantity or quality factors must have per cent since, 1965 (the table understates the true position since, unlike the other countries. Germany assumes that productivity is improving when calculating government output at constant prices). In Britain the factors referred to must have increased by about 20 per cent, while in France, to justify the falling trend in resource share, the ratio of actual to apparent value should have risen by less than 20 per cent and in Italy there should have been no increase at all, or per-

haps even a slight decline.
Is there any evidence to show that variations in the quantity or quality have behaved in these different ways in the different countries? The casiest services to examine are health and education, which account for begovernment consumption. Rasically we can use as our estimator or quantity the number of people receiving each type of

proxy for growth rates in the advance this argument.

admissions to non-psychiatric hospitals. The remaining col-umns of the table show the goods and services has been ris- ratio between these indices and ing (Table 1). In the good years, that for government expenditure people were becoming more prosperous and they accepted compared with the relative increasing government expenditure philosophically. Now that economic growth rates have sliwed, however, the public are

education index is much more typical of growth in the quantity of services provided by the German Government than is the figure for hospital admissions. the rising share of resources services has risen fast enough output quantity is less than to justify the rate of increase in expenditure on them.

One approach is to argue that to justify the rising share of the control of the cont

circular argument that any increase in resources used by a student represents an improvement in quality. However, educational researchers say arrempts to demonstrate that small classes produce better results than large ones have been at best inconclusive, so it is unlikely that a reduction in pupil teacher ratios leads to a pro rata increase in educational

quality.

In health care, on the other hand, there have been improvements demonstrated by the declining rates of mortality associated with birth. Other factors besides improved health care contribute to the increased expectation of life. This figure therefore, represents the maximum benefit obtained from an improvement in health care although an allowance should be made if any reduction in suffering as a result of bad health could be demonstrated. The figures shown here are

patchy but they do not provide much evidence to suggest that the real value of government services in Britain and Germany has improved sufficiently to justify the increasing share of resources devoted to them. Germany might possibly be able to argue that its economic growth rate has been such that it now places a greater value people receiving each type of services, but we must also consider whether there have been changes in quality.

Table III shows how much the number of students weighted by grade has grown in each country between 1965 and 1975. As a proxy for growth rates in the sadvance this argument.

If now places a greater value of states to increase less than did the general rate of inflation. This was because of the incomes policy then in operation but could also have been caused by a realization that the services had become overpriced. More recently,

sector in which increasing government expenditure, both in Britain and West government Germany, may not be

service expenditure but its pos-sible that France has reacted to the rising relative cost of government services by reduc-ing the resources allocated to this function while Italy has been more successful than the other countries in controlling

Rates of pay are the most important determining factor of the relative price of government services. After 1975 the price of British government seroverpriced. More receptly. quantity of health services consumed, the table also shows figures are complicated by the indices for the number of practical exclusion of health of public servants obtaining pean Communicies, 1975.

wage increases to restore the 1975 position.

The present Government has now declared that future wage increases will be curbed but this declaration has been justified on the grounds of economic difficulty, not of poor produc-tivity. There is no reason to suppose, therefore, that relative

suppose, therefore, that relative prices will not start to increase again if prosperity returns.

What is needed is the preparation of more detailed output statistics, as recommended by the United Nations and the EEC\*, for each department of government. These statistics would not only enable improvements in the quality or quantity of services to be estimated more precisely but they would also anable productivity to be monitored and commensurate wage tored and commensurate wage increases awarded. In this way resources could be allocated more rationally than at present.

James Rothman \*Manual on National Accounts at Constant Prices, UN, 1974,

Table 1: The Government's share

	Percentage share of gdp spent on government services						
	Germany	UK	France	Italy			
1960	13.5	16.5	14.11	12.2			
1965	15.3	15.8	13.5"	14.5			
1970	15.9	17.7	13.5	12.7			
1975	20.9	22.4	14.4	13.8			
1977	20.0	20 8	14.9	13.7			

Adjusted to enable comparisons with sucception; years.
Source: Celculations based on UN National Accounts Statistics

Table II: Relative price indices and government shares

	Germany		UI	UK		France		Italy	
	Rolativa priçe Indes	Govi Quant, phare	Relative price index	Govi Quant	Relative price index	Govs Quart. shere	Relative price index	Sout Suar:	
1960	92	16.2	95	21.8	90	16.7	81	15.0	
1965	100	17.0	100	21.1	100	14.8	100	14.5	
1970	111	15.9	109	20 3	107	13.4	100	12.7	
1975	126	18.4	125	22.4	121	128	102	13.5	
1977	127	17.6	120	21.7	124	129	105	13.7	

nations piece index Cost of government consumption at current and constant and constant and constant prices, divided by gdp deligator and indexed to 100 in 1985.; Good quant states Government dependities at constant prices as a percentage of gdp at constant prices. The Health service expanditure has risen as a percentage of gdp, if the French and Italian quantity shares had included nesting expenditure (insuced by transfers the downward would not have been so marked Source: Colculations based on titl National Accounts Statistics,

Table III: Has the increase in government output grown enough to explain the apparent increase in relative

prices ?							
Germany	UK	France	Italy				
187.6	136.8	132.3	141.3				
131.9	114.8	155 8	143.7				
126 88	103 (89)*	94 111	97 99				
, 126	125	121	102				
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Ratios to government equestional and health expenditure at constant prices-corresponding figures for other countries not available. Source: Calculations based on EEC statistics. Table IV Health Improvements between 1960 and 1973 Reduction in mortalities Additional years per 1000 births Perinatal Infant Maternal

Women Difference between expectation of life at one year old in 1983 and 1973. Source: Calculations based on date in international Comparisons of Health I and Services by Robert Maxwell, King's Fund Centre, 1980.

Methods used to estimate government output and expenditure at constant prices

Germany: Volume of employment adjusted to allow for increases in

Germany: Volume of employment adjusted to allow for increases in productivity, also volume of purchases and depreciation.

UK: Volume of employment and purchases.

France: Education, a weighted index of students enrolled at various educational levels. Remainder from volume of employment, purchases, capital consumption and secondary sales.

Italy: Education, number of pupils graduated. Remainder from volume of employment, purchases and capital consumption.

Multinationals are reluctant sponsors

### Museum of the Year awards' future threatened

papers. Yer there will be a cloud over it. The money to continue this initiative in 1981 is not yet secured. Indeed, its leave a large question mark continuance is threatened over such sponsorship.

exactly at the moment when it is taking root as one of the national responsibility for the 

sor had been found in Times base for enriching the com-Newspapers but recent events muoity, an answer must surely

On March 23, 1981, Mme On a national scale, we have far more reluctant to face up interest in museums and the Simone Veil, President of the become accustomed to the role to the same calls on the corpus and porate conscience in any truly guest of honour at a gathering indeed in most countries it is European sense. Yet, some indeed in most countries it is European sense. Yet, some The winning museums, to be a considered in March 23, here European Parliament, the guest of honour at a gathering of scholars from museums all indeed in most countries it is over Europe, will present the fourth series of European Museum Trust fourth series of European Museum Trust faces some special problems. It was started with a grant from the Guildhall in the City of London.

The reception, with 400 guests, will be hosted jointly by IBM (sponsors of this event since 1977) and Times Newspapers. Yer there will be a cloud over it. The money to

national responsibility for the

munity, an answer must surely

be found. The concept of enlightened sponsorship of this type is difficult enough to promote in large corporate structures. It

el committee—a oncor gian, a Frenchman, a German, and two Englishmen, with a director-general of Unesco in the chair. During the past four years, this hard-working and much travelled committee has visited more than 100 new museums in con-

nexion with the main award alone, from the far north of Norway and Finland to Cyprus and Malta, and from the west of Ireland to the south of Por-tugal, it has met museum directors and their colleagues, talked

interest in museums and the arts. What exactly would such a sponsor be backing?

The winning museums, to be more trophy, which goes on local museums; museums and more trophy, which goes on local museums; museums of the European well-worn disciplines such as been chosen by an internation—

al committee—a Swede, a Beligian, a Frenchman, a German, ironbridge Gorge Museum; jects such as the history of the statishing of the sta year, have included Britain's ironbridge Gorge Museum; the Schloss Rheydt Museum at Mönchengladbach; and the Musee Camarguais near Arles in France. All have reported similar side-effects of the awards on their own museums. Attendances doubled, or more than doubled; and there was a marked rise in staff morale and local prestige. As the director of the winning German museum in 1978 put ir :

"The museum remained exactly the: same, but overnight its merits had mysteriously increased enormously."
This year's winner has been

Christianity and a museum of posts and telegraphs. No doubt the award will have the same marked effect on the winner which has been noted above.
But in 1981 there may be no
winner at all; only a loser,
the wider cultural community of Europe, and, in a small way, the idea of Europe itself. That is unless some enlightened sponsor agrees to come to the rescue at the last minute.

John Letts chairman, National Heritage

Man who once saw coordinating Community policy as 'impossible'

### Now Signor Scotti has overcome his own acute crisis

ment where "at one desk the Minister for Agriculture decided something, and at another the Minister for the Budget cancelled it".

Today, Signor Scotti, aged 47 and a brilliant, intelligent Neawho is close to Signor Andreotti away in their drawers" but, at the same time, a personal friend of Signor Forlani, is no longer something unique in Italy-a minister who wants

The Minister for Europe (a post that was instituted to coordinate Community policy) has overcome his own acute crisis. invalid that threatened to turn colleagues

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departments, against centralizing bureaucracy, against those "apparatuses", even in information, that is essential to the work of coordinating Compolitan and Christian Democrat munity policy, locked jealously

nowever, the most important of all being the fundamental one for "power of attorney", in European questions are conrespond to direct and coordinate the Community, from the President to resign because he is not Community, from the President allowed to do his work properly.

The thing that still isn't

The thing that still isn't working properly, the minister told me between one burst of

worse still, it doesn't exist."
Was it that the members of

rainament, that have an almost give a straw for Europe's prob-nineteenth-century idea of the state and international relations parliamentary strong arm so that they keep the "flow of information, that is essential" necessary for applying Com-munity directives", the minister says. "Obstacles are placed in the way, so that the Com- responsibility of my own. I munity's laws cannot be carried exercise only responsibilities out. Hence the indifference of delegated to me by the Presi-

problems, how did he propose the Minister for Europe, which to get over this one? "By stirred up the resistance of fighting in Parliament to make members realize the position; "It is not a matter of setting individual ministries to

first—over which moreover, I had a very hard discussion with Forlani, who got a bit apnoyed ---was to define the powers that the President had to dele-

gate to all."

Asked whether he was a without portfolia, I have no

In Italy, coordinating Committy policy is no longer "impossible", as the Italian Minister for Europe, Signor Enzo Scotti, described it last. Christmas, when he threatened to give up and leave a governuce of the ministers of the minitial ministers of the ministers of the ministers of the ministe Community policy is one of the most important aspects of the political coordination of the President."

Signor Scotti has won his battles by convincing the minminister without any powers, isterial departments that it was be replied: "As a minister not his intention "to take anything away from anybody. but simply to ask the departments to do their work on the basis of internally agreed policy. There is a question of interdependence between one decision and another. All decisions reciprocally influence

The minister confirms that there was resistance in the working property, the numbers realize the position; telephone calls and another—first Signor Forlani, then his colleagues Signor Reviglio as, for example, the Community of the solve the problem, which exists the problem, which exists the second of the problem of the problem.

blooded ministry of European affairs, which would be a mistake, since European policy is an integral part of internal policy. Instead, we have to bring about a single government line on this subject, without splinter groups and areas of resistance.

The work has begun. Now there are new problems, extending from general questions of organization to increasing the flow of information. " As soon as things are going smoothly in these fields too, I can leave quietly, without fuss, my mind at rest. My work will be done.

Luca Guirato | chances.

Gossip from Brussels

### Gaston's lot is not a happy one

"Roy may not have set the world on fire, but after a few of the president himself, in the months of Gaston we will all preparation of these crucial be begging him to come back" was the jaundiced prediction of one senior British official discovered that Mr Thorn was when Mr Roy Jenkins handed proposing to delegate some of over to Mr Gaston Thorn as the coordination of work on president of the European the budger reforms—a necess-

office have been far from ambition happy. From the moment he sioner. Set foot in the Berlaymont, the Was this, as some in Mr Commission's glass-and-steel Tugendhat's entourage tended headquarters in the heart of to suspect, a sinister plot to Brussels, little has seemed to

First, there was the inde-corous scramble for jobs in the new Commission. This quad-rennial event is always a painful exposure of the hypocrisy of the Commission's pretensions to be an Olympian col-lege far above the crude inter-play of national interests which motivate ordinary politicians. But the pretence looked especially thin on this occa-

Admittedly, Mr Thorn had his work cut out. There have always been fewer worthwhile jobs in the Commission than applicants, whose number was this year increased from 12 to 13 (not counting Mr Thorn himself) by the arrival of Mr George Konnesoreis, the new George Komogeorgis, the new Greek Commissioner. He is a spry 68-year-old (rumoured actually to be in his early seventies) from the island of

Tinos in the Aegeon.

Mr Thorn's task was made still harder because an "old guard" of eight incumbent Commissioners, led by the formidable Belgian, Vicomte Etienne Davignon, already held most of the best portfolios and had made clear they had every intention of hanging on to intention of banging on to

Indeed, Vicomie Davignon, in a remarkable feat of day-light piracy, grabbed both the energy and scientific research portfolios to add to his exist-ing industrial responsibility, even before the negotiations proper on job distribution had

Last year Vicomte Davignon was on the short list of candi-dates to succeed Mr Jenkins as president, and at one time had seemed more likely to do so than Mr Thorn. As a result, Mr Thorn was under some pressure to soothe the Belgian's thwarted ambition with

a generous consolation prize.

It was against this background that there occurred
what has come to be known as
the "Tugendhat affair". It had
all the ingredients of the best
Brussels disputes: cloak-anddagger work in the corridors, malicious "leaks" to the press by interested parties, and a personal telephone call from Mrs
Thatcher fulminating about
"insults" to Britain.

Very much the junior British Commissioner when he first came to Brussels in 1977, Mr Christopher Tugendhat had been grateful to accept the second-rank budget portfolio. Two years later, to his own and most other people's sur-prise, he found himself juggling with one of the hottest political potatoes in the Commission.

This was brought about by Britain's dispute with its EEC partners over the size of its budget contributions. Last May's temporary aettlement reinforced the Commission's role by bequeathing to it the task of producing proposals this summer for a permanent reform of the EEC's finances that would prevent such dis-putes arising in future.

As Budget Commissioner, with four years' experience behind him and elevation to one of the Commission's five vice-presidencies in prospect Mr Tugendhat was thus look-ing forward to playing the cen-

Commission at the start of the ary function given that a ryear.

Things have not yet come to that pass, but the Luxembourger's first two months in office have been far from the mamore have been the mamore have the mamore h

weaken British influence over budgetary policy? Or was it merely, as many observers thought, an attempt to give Mr O'Kennedy, a fine-sounding title to disguise what was in reality pretty much of a non-

The finally agreed definition of Mr O'Kennedy's Job certainly did not appear much of a threat to Mr Tugendhat. He chairs the group of Com-missioners working on bud-getacy reform on behalf of Mr Thorn, when the latter is otherwise occupied, and provides liaison between the different departments involved. But he

In practice, Mr O'Kennedy, as personnel manager (also part of his portfoliol, has spent most of his time so far trying to mediate in the dispute over pay and conditions between the staff of the EEC institutions and member states. This is likely to occupy him for at least a further month, so his budgetary role may not be put to the test for some time.

Scarcely had the dust settled on the Tugendhat episode when the untimely death of Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the highly respected Dane who had been in charge of agricultural policy for the past four years, threatened to reopen debate over job allocation. debate over job allocation.
Partly to avoid this, Mr
Thorn and his colleagues
decided, despite some misgiviogs, to give Mr Gundelach's
job to his compatriot, Mr Poul
Dalsager. As a long-tunding
Danish Minister of Agriculture.
Mr Dalsager was rechnically Mr Dalsager was technically well qualified, but many had doubts about his ability. His lack of any language but Danish was also counted a dis-

advantage. advantage.

Mr Thorn's troubles were still not at an end. His own personally, appointed "chef de cabinet", Mr Adrien Ries, a fellow Luxembourger and seasoned Commission official, resigned after only a few weeks in the job, allegedly after a nervous collapse brought on the sediment with brought on by a dispute with

In a widely applauded appointment, Mr Thorn quickly filled this unexpected yacancy with Mr Fernand Spaak, son of the late Paul-Henri Spaak, the distinguished Belgian Socialist and one of the founding fathers of the EEC.

Mr Thorn was looking in better shape when he appeared before the European Parliament last month to make the traditional report of an incoming president. his thunder was diminished by the appearance of President Sadar the previous day, and the failure of the Commission's printers to produce texts of his

What he said to the Parliament caused a stir. Mr Thorn appeared to be calling for bold moves towards political and economic union by 1984. On closer examination, however, his speech looked much less dramatic. One sympathetic Thorn watcher remarked: "The trouble is that Gaston tends to get carried away by his own verbosity."

Michael Hornsby

#### On the contrary

### Jeux sans frontières

Et maintenant, à vous, Guy Lux ! Bien. Voilà, les dix concurrents sont prets et

ca commence! Ils doivent d'abord essayer de traire la vache mécanique sans toutefois faire déborder le seau, sous peine de perdre des points et payer une prime de co-responsabilité ... Oh là là! Attention! Ca coule à flots! Faut faire mieux que ça, voyons!

Ensuite, c'est le jeu des équilibristes (budgétaires s'entend). Il faut bander les yeux, ramasser cent mille balles, traverser l'échiquier géant, et revenir indemne, tout en se balançant du juste retour. Personne n'y a réussi jusqu'ici, mais il reste beaucoup à gagner.

Juste avant l'entr'acte, l'ensemble des équipes nationales va essayer le jeu de la TVA (traduisez: tout va augmenter). Voici comment cela se joue. On va rassembler tous les concurrents dans cette grande maison qui est une espèce de pressoir, avec des poids lourds-Français, Anglais, Allemands-sur le toit. Pour en sortir, sans autres ressources propres, l'ensemble des équipes doit essayer de soulever le plafond, fixé actuellement au niveau de

. . oui, un pour cent. En fin de programme, on va voir si les dix concurrents seront capables de jouer ensemble aux diplomates et, la cas échéant, aux soldats, A en juger par leurs performances jusqu'à maintenant, je ne leur donne pas de grandes

### Prospect of full-scale trade war looms

International economics are dominated by the strikingly International economics are dominated by the strikingly contracting performances of the dollar and the Deutsche mark. Alore worrying, however, although less dramatic, is another wider but more deeply-seated development, deeply-seated development, which is forcing governments into taking increasingly direct action on their imports, and exports. In the overall depression, foreign trade is becoming the only lever they can use to circumscribe the recession and slow the rise in unemployment, which is reaching peaks un-known since the great depres-sion of the 1930s. Hence the increasingly pro-

nounced contrasts among the four Europa countries, which are on the defensive, and the inevitability of a full-scale trade war, with governments coming to the rescue of their home industries, using the full arsenal of resources devised and developed over the years.

The most catastrophic situa-tion is still that in Italy, whose trade deficit increased fourfold hetween 1979 and 1980. The Government, short of taking action aimed at a real improvement in competitiveness, has approved direct measures to make available abnost 10,000,000m fire to provide Italian experiers with cheap credit. As well as an improve-ment in the trade balance, it is hoking for a 3 per cent contri-bution to growth in the gnr and the creation of 380,000 extra jobs.

The scheme is impressive, but what are its chances of success? There is no lack of pitfalls. In manetary terms, how is it possible to reconcile this houst given by Signary this bnost given by Signor Enrico Manca, the Minister for Foreign Trade, with the application of the brakes by Signor Nino Andreatta, the Minister for the Treasury, who is siming to back his efforts to country in the state of ing to back his errors to counter inflation by imposing strict limits on credit growth, which he intends to keep within 12 per cent (whereas the inflation rate is above 20 per cent). Not surprisingly, this strategy has caused a certain amount of vacillation in the Italian Gov-CIAMent.

The most worrying aspect. however, is the extent to which international limitations can action since, if each country is able influence on decision-mak-

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#### United States: strong economic activity

tinue to point to strong economic activity rather than to any slowing down, December saw increases in industry's orders (1.9 per cent) and orders for durable goods (1.9 per cent); in January retail sales rose by 2 per cent and industrial output by 0.6 per cent.
Prices: there has been no letup in inflation which, on the basis of the last three months

Unemployment; the unemployment rate, calculated as a proportion of the working popuktion and seasonally adjusted, was unchanged between December and January at 7.4 per cent. However, the absolute figure for the number in amployments has view by in employment has risen by Forcign trade: the trade deficit, calculated fob/cif, in-

Growth rate; the signs con- of 1980, is running at a rate of creased sharply from \$1,660m in November to \$2,980m in December; oil imports were up 22 per cent by volume and 25 per cent in value terms, Monetary and financial influence: although there has been a further slight fall in prime rates to 19 per cent, there can be no real relaxation until significant progress has been made in reducing infla-tion and the budget deficit.

#### Japan: industrial output on upward trend

Growth rate : industrial output seems to be on an upward trend, the December 1980 figure baving been 3 per cent higher than that for December 1979 (compared with a 1.9 per cent increase in November). Prices: inflation stabilized over the last three months at in December (the Japanese

less, these daugers do not seem to have been appreciated and a

general movement along these

France is very much part of it, expecially since it is handi-

capped by the effect of the strong dollar on its import

costs and the weakness of the

Deutsche mark, compounding the recession in West Ger-

many, its largest export mar-ket. Moreover, the pre-election climate is having a consider-

lines is under way.

to 7 per cent. Unemployment : Unemployment: the unemployment rate, calculated as a proportion of the working population and seasonally adjusted, fell from 23 per cent November to 2.22 per cent

an annual rate of 3 per cent; rate is underestimated in com-calculated over 12 months, the parison with the American and rate is down from 8.5 per cent European rates). Foreign trade: the trade balance recovered well in 1980, which ended with a surplus of \$2,100m. The year 1981 began with a further surplus of \$470m in January, but a deficit of \$1,400m before seasonal adjustment.

if there is a sharp fall in has eyes only for the monetary trade, as was seen during the scene and quite recently slump in the 1930s. Neverthe-expressed satisfaction at the being West Germany, in order to party the thrust of the Japanese offensive. It was cofirmness of the franc. But it is operation of this type that worrying the other members of President Giscard d'Exaing the Government, who are conwas seeking at his meeting cerned about the unemploy-with Chancellor Helmut ment situation, particularly in Schmidt on February 5 and 6. ment situation, particularly in highly localized industries such as textiles. Motor manufacturing, a "flagship" industry and until only a few months ago the biggest potential creator of jobs It was followed by a glowing communique, but no decisions. This may be a little surprising, since the West Germans, too, are in disarray. As a recent survey by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung shows, their transfers are exceptions. for less-tavoured regions, is now giving the greatest cause for exporters are pessimistic about 1981. administrative methods of con-

action since, if each country is hoping to derive maximum in Unions and employers are tion to 3 per cent. The real has deteriorated but, as has last Franco-German summit, threat, however, is not so much provement in conditions in neighbouring countries while holding out at home, the chances of success are far from cortain. What is worse, such a strategy could backfire able influence on decision-mak-fining Japanese market penetration to 3 per cent. The real has deteriorated but, as has last Franco-German summit, threat, however, is not so much been pointed out by Hert Wolf there are now signs of a change in thinking. The Hambers of commerce), combanded out at home, the bankruptcies.

This strategy, therefore, can succeed only if it is coorpetition is also becoming keen-ficial effect on exports of the Deutsche mark and another institute, the The world economic outlook

PRICES FOREIGNTRADE £ L Om Fr DIVERGENCE FROM Between to 84 per cent.

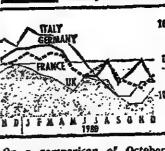
Between December and January the average inflation rate for the four Europa countries ary the average inflation rate for the four Europa countries rose from 11.6 per cent to 12.7 per cent, the main cause for this further acceleration being the rise from 5.5 per cent to more than 8 per cent in West Germany. There were also increases in France (from 11 per cent to 12 per cent) and Italy (from 22 per cent to 23 per cent), but no change in Britain (8 per cent). These rates are based on the past three months. On the year-on-year reckoning the figures are 5.8 reckoning the figures are 5.8 per cent for West Germany, 12.8 per cent for France, 13 per cent for Britain and 21 per

really serious threat to West Germany's traditional markets. Moreover, the extraordinary new situation, with the Deutsche mark under threat, has shaken West German belief in the virtues of a

cent for Italy.

Although the West Germans resisted the protectionist blan-dishments from France at the last Franco-German summit,

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December cover of imports by exports (calculated fob/cif and seasonally adjusted) remained per cent). at 103 per cent in West Gerat 103 per cent m West Ger-many and improved slightly in Italy, from 80 per cent to 82 per cent. Between December and January the British rate shot up from 102 per cent to 114 per cent and France suf-fered a fall from 87 per cent swelling tide of oil exports.

DIW in West Berlin, has gone so far as to propose with-drawal from the European

monerary system.

Britain alone remains confident in the virtues of rediscoof its external as well as inter-nal affairs. It is in an extraordinary situation, not dissimilar to conditions in the Opec countries, with a contrast be-tween financial strength and economic weakness. Its trade balance is running at a sur-plus, so that one problem has been removed.

But in Britain, too, employers and unions are up in arms in protest about bank-ruptcies and soaring unemployment respectively, and they are both putting forward plans for recovery as the Budget approaches. Will Mrs Thamber approaches. Will Mrs Inatcher be influenced by the plan proposed by Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, which calls for action to bring down the exchange rate of the pound from the present high pound from its present high level, which is severely handi-

capping British exporters?
The Treasury has recently acknowledged that the fall in business activity during the final quarter last year was twice as bad as the authorities had expected and that much of the blame for this is attributable to the underlying trade imbalance masked by the

output continued to fall in West Germany (-6 per cent), Italy (-6 per cent), France (-4 per cent) and Britain (-8

Rather than wage a trade war, the British negotiate. They have a gentlemen's agreement with the Japanese under which the Japanese limit their pene-tration of the car market to 11 per cent while at the same time receiving favourable treat-ment of their establishment of plants in Britain.

The recent agreement with Nissan, with the threat repre-sented by this new Japanese bridgehead, came as a shock to partners in the European Community. As has been pointed our with great realism by the head of this firm, Mr Takashi Ishihara, it remains to be seen whether it will be possible to get the British to adopt Japanese working methods and change their style of industrial relations.

The Japanese are therefore persisting with an offensive which would do credit to any military strategist. It is based on pincer movements directed at selected industries and it is mesmerizing the governments of the four Europa countries. However, as Herr Wolf von Amerongen has pointed out, the Americans are also moving on to the offensive. They are switching from investment abroad to exporting, bringing a slowing down in the deteriora-tion of their trade balance, while at the same time the balance on invisibles is reaping the benefits of past investment, so that the current account balance of payments moved back into surplus in

If the world is to avoid a trade war which would barm the interests of all concerned

Rising stars

ITALY. FRANCE

Between December and Janu expressed as a proportion of the working population and seasonally adjusted, continued its steep rise in Britain, from 8.75 per cent to 9.2 per cent and also advanced appreciably and also advanced appreciably in France from 7.05 per cent to 7.25 per cent. There was no change in the West German rate (4.55 per cent), although the unadjusted figure in creased from 4.8 per cent to 5.6 per cent. 5.6 per cent.

in the end, much depends on the Americans, and a particu-larly important role falls to Mr William Brock, the new White House special representative for foreign trade. He has made clear that the voluntarist style of President Reagan's team could be extended to foreign trade, announcing his intention to pursue "a tough and aggressive policy" and stating that it was necessary "to be very firm with the Japanese ".

He also issued a warning to Europe, expressing irritation at the manueuvres of the French in particular who, he says, are skilful at diverting the flood of Japanese car exports. Time will tell how Mr Brock fares in putring his ideas into practice. Will rediscovered American liberalism be confined to the domestic scene or will it be extended to external affairs?

Maurice Bommensath economist with Cegos, management consultants.

'Black' economy

concern, hence the recourse to

fining Japanese market penetra-tion to 3 per cent. The real

### Moonlighting an indicator of of hyperdevelopment

The black economy is growing steadily in the industria- which like Belgium has lized countries. Undeclared mounted the most determined employment is on the increase, campaign against undeclared apparently independently of economic conditions. It is an have only between 800,000 and economic conditions. It is an escape valve used, according to one million workers black economy, although tion estimates, by between 3 according to a SOFRES survey, only 22 per cent of French of only 22 per cent of French of French are resolutely opposed workers in the Organization people at the for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries to circumvent the ever association estimates that the turnover of the alternative transport fiscal, social and techniques is comparable to that societies which are becoming increasingly "organized".

There has been much comment on the extent of moonand the economy in Italy, but these West Germany and the United States, not to mention France and Britain. Their presence has long been considered as an indicator of under-develop-ment, but it is perhaps becoming the opposite: an indicator of hyperdevelopment and the imperceptible medium of a transition from the industrial nnciety to the post-industrial phase. It is this that explains the different attitudes to this phenomenon adopted by gov-

According to a survey car-ried out by the Bielefeld opinion research organization in West Germany there are almost two million workers in the black economy and 8 per cent of employees have a recond job. These people are thought to account for 2 per cent of the West German gnp and undeclared income is Intersocial" suggests that these Schwarzanciter are "rob-bing" the tax and social ecurity authorities of some Dnilo,000m a year, or three times the annual budget of the Federal Ministry of Finance.

tion estimates, in the building per cent of such jobs are in industry 70 per cent of carcass work and 90 per cent of painting is done on the lump; business lost by garages includes more than two million brake changes and replacement of claims, on the basis of a rough shock absorbers and exhaust calculation, that if all the work systems on four million vehiies; and up to 80 per cent of building plans are prepared not by independent architects, but by members of the public service working in their spare time (the best way of making sure that plans meet with

In which ils own industry, at about 90,000m francs. The insurance documentation

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and information centre puts much, calculating that this means losses of social security priconomena are now just as means losses of social security widespread in countries like and unemployment benefit contributions totalling 18,000m francs, while the fiscal authorities would be losing 6,000m francs on value-added tax alone. According to other esti-mates, illicit cash-in-hand payments to workers in France amounts to 10,000m francs, or 3 per cent of official salaries and wages.

"We do not consider it desirable to suppress all forms of marginal work. Marginal employment acts as a valve, it proves that the social system reacts against the inflexibilities which it imposes upon itself." Thus the authors of the report by the Commission of the European Communities on the marginal and clandestine labour market in France, the United Kingdom and Italy ".†

They point out that "the second job, which is generally believed to have increased five illegally combined with the times in as many years. An main job, is often a type of article published last lune in work which would not be work which would not be offered or would not be accepted. Ususually it is part-time, offers wages which are adequate only as a supplement to the main income, and the ederal Ministry of Finance. worker is likely to be treated as self-employed rather than According to trade associaservice industries, whereas it

is in productive industry that lob creation is required." done in the black economy were placed with craft businesses, 375,000 jobs would lack of skilled labour put the figure at between 100,000 and



loss of employment. Campaigning against undeclared employment with the aim reducing unemployment d therefore be approached with caution.

On the one hand, trade unions like the CFDT in France are right to emphasize the distinction between "clandestine work" and "connival work" to damp the ardour of those whose version of a more informal economy is so uncom-promising that it could lead to reduction in the safeguards enjoyed by workers as a whole. On the other hand, union leaders like those of the SGIL in Italy are displaying realism when they seek to include all forms of employment in their plan of action; this explains the conclusion of a national collective agreement on home work, whose status they are seeking to regularize in order to distinguish it from clandes-

In Italy where there are between three million and five from million workers in the black In West Germany the craft economy, undeclared employ-Industries trade association ment plays an extraordinary represents between 5.9 per claims, on the basis of a rough calculation, that if all the work.

Government stratisticians believe gross national product. Government statisticians believe that fewer than 80 per cent of the true gross national product is reflected by the official economy on an unprecedented scale. "A lawyer may receive autique in payment for his be created, but more realistic exports, which struggle to scale. A lawyer may receive exports and lawyer may receive exports. where the black economy promoting some liqueur"

businesses out of 9,605 use undeclared labour. Throughout the country there has been a large increase in small firms

In Britain, despite appeals from many experts convinced that the underground economy will continue to grow if nothing is done to stop it, the Conservative Government has not decided to take effective action against undeclared employment, The official statistics estimate the number of undeclared workers at between two million and three million. The Inland Revenue has calculated that, in the tax year 1978-79, undeclared income which escaped tax amounted to about £11,000m, or 7.5 per cent more than opportunities

Between 1972 and 1978 the number of £10 and £20 notes (the most practical denominations for cash payments) in circulation rose by 470 per cent, which was four times as fast as the overall monetary growth rate. The British black economy relies primarily on unofficial moonlighting by people with declared occupa-Lions.

In Western Europe this phenomenon has not ver reached a scale comparable reaction a scale comparation with what can be found in Poland, for instance, where it is not always clear whether the official market or the black market predominates, when tomatoes are sold at double the price shown in shop dis-plays, when new flats are delivered in such a poor state that it is routine to have to call in workwen after normal hours to put in doors, windows and baths which work pro-perly. †† But all societies have their ways of defending them-selves against financial and bureaucratic constraints.

In the United States it is estimated that 15 million to 2 million people fail to declare income of several hundred bilhon dollars, including 4,500,000 who live entirely on earnings from unofficial jobs. According to Internal Revenue estimates,

figure at between 100,000 and thrives. For instance, in Prato learn from an article in Inter-200000, which would mean a in Tuscany, 8,650 small social.

Elsewhere, medical treat-ment or legal advice on a divorce may be bartered against work on a car, ranging which declare four or five from small repairs to a full employees and have an effective service. In 1978 there were tive workforce of possibly 50, already about 1,000 barter coalready about 1,000 barter cooperatives in the United States. with memberships ranging from 500 to 10,000. In Los Angeles a specialist weekly, Barter, has more than 10,000 subscribers. Even more extraordinary is the record of a New York company which in 1978 arranged transfers of goods worth some £5m among 100 or so companies which had stocks to swap among themselves.

In most countries clandestine work and parallel economies are seen increasingly as workers to escape social and fiscal pressures which are often bitterly resented at ronk-and-file level. They are also seen as a means of furth-ering their aspirations for greater independence. Even in France, where the administrative system makes for centralization and authoritarianism. the recent report on this topic by M Robert Delorozov recom-mends that there should be constructive measures which motives into consideration as well as preventive action,

In this he series with the conclusions of the EEC experts: "Constructive experts: measures should accompany preventive action aimed against use of clandestine workers. These, combined with measures aimed at promoting small craft businesses, so that they can be profitable, without having to increase prices, could be more beneficial than indiscriminate hunting of all forms of illicit employment."

However, it has to be acknowledged that the emergent dual or pluralist economies are becoming increasingly difficult to manage with central institutions, whose grasp they are tending increasingly to escape. There are about 20 million unemployed in the OECD countries, and probably 16 million uncertainty of the probability of the million uncertainty of the milli unregistered workers.

#### Jacqueline Grapin

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### An empire built on cocoa substitute

This is the story of an indus- enormously in size. From the trial empire founded in 1946, five or six employees who as the result of an idea that today is worth about 700,000m lire a year (in 1979 turnover was 642,000m lire). It is the story of the Ferrero sweets empire, a family story of three or four people who, without banks or help of any kind, succeeded by intuition and entrepreneurial skill.

The story starts with Pietro pastry shop in Via Rattazzi, in Alba, a large agricultural town in Piedmont. The war had only just ended and it was a mystery how pastry shops kept going; cocoa was almost unob-tainable and chocolate was a high price. Ferrero racked his hrains for a product to replace

Whole months went devoted to research, blending cocoa butter, sugar and walnuts, and the judge of each new blend was Pietro's wife, Piera. Each time she would taste each new result, think alout it, and say: "No. we are not there yet". Her husband would go back to the laboratory, start again, varying the amounts of the different ingredients, until finally, at the beginning of 1946, Piera said decisively, "Yes!" They called that walnut-

flavoured chocolate Pasta Gianduia. It cost 600 lire a kilo, against 2,500 to 3,000 live for cocoa chocolate, which was rare. In February, 1946, the first 300 kg of Glandula were sent out of the shop in Via. Rattazzi, and in December the same year, the output was 100,000 kg. Orders were flowing in from all over Italy. Indeed. "orders" was hardly the word—"supplications" is what they word—"supplications is what they really were, as customers from all over Italy begged for deliveries, urgently, and in ever-increasing quantities.

In the meantime, the small factory moved from Via Rattazzi to Via Vivaro. Tra I Pioppi, which is still the head office, though it has increased

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five or six employees who worked in the factory at the beginning, the number had now risen to about 100, and there were never enough of them (three years later there were 1,000).

"Machines, that's what we peed". Pietro Ferrero said. But none was to be had, so he invented some himself, for mixing the paste and packing, while all the time creating new products such as Supercrema, he forerunner of Nutella. Sometimes he even came out of his laboratory and called a few of his employees to give a hand with the pick-axe, to knock a wall down and enlarge the factory.

Now another person came into the picture, much to the firm's good fortune: Ciovanni Ferrero, Pietro's brother. He was the organizer, the forerunner of the more efficient sales organizations. He was a man who had no need of secretaries or files. He simply said "It's all written up here", pointing to his head. He was a man who did all his accounts, running into thousands of millions of lire, on cigarette packets. It was his idea to cut our the wholesalers and sell to retailers direct, supplying them with his own delivery vans. There were 12 Ferrero vans in 1947. In 1966 there were The number rose to 2,500, with only the Italian Army having a larger vehicle

The Ferrero brothers both died when they were 50-Pietro in 1949 and Giovanni in 1957—as the result of heart attacks. Control of the firm passed to Michele, Pietro's only son, who had both his father's qualities (imagination, always seeking to create new products and new machines) and those of his uncle Giothers. He says that Ferrero is the says Mair).

A young man was now in charge of the firm, working with his mother, Signora Piera

Commercial:

Dante Secchia, La Stampa; Eric Wolfensohn,

Dietrich Windberg,

Eric Wolfensohn.

Commercial Coordinator:

C. Times Newspapers Limited

Yves Morvan, Le Monde:

The Times:

Die Welt.

She was chairman of the board of directors of the most powerful sweet-making firm in the EEC; with little in the way of formal schooling, she was extraordinarily able. She used to say "You don't need to know a great deal about economics—common sense is suf-ficient".

In Michele's hands, the firm took the biggest step of all. Ferrero, with 300,000 sales outlets, had solid foundations in Italy. There was however, a and so Michele looked abroad. A European venture was an exciting thought, and in he set up a factory in Allendorf, in Germany,

It was a daring act, some-thing of a challenge, for where chocolate is concerned Germany is one of the leaders, with 120 firms in competition. Michele knew that to succeed he had to have a quality product that was original. "It's not use try-ing to break into a market with a product that people know aiready. We have to have something new." And so, he created Mon Cheri.

After the German company, now called Ferrero OMG, in 1960 he founded a French Ferrero-originally called Dulcesanother in Belgium and another in Britain. Bit by bit he carried on the process in other countries (the last to be formed was Ferrero Japan) and organized distributors throughout the world. Other factories were also set up in Italy. The head offices for administration, publicity and the scientific laboratories are at Pino, on the hills just out-December, Ferrero became a holding company.

now in its third state of de-velopment. The first stage was the chocolate substitute Gian-duia, the second was his entry into the German market, and the third is to sell sweets as a food product, or a sweet food. In other words, products which should be not only sweets but also nutritious foods-which also nutritious foods—which brings us to the Kinder range, and the breakfast products,

and so on.

Michele Ferrero, who is 55, has two children, both boys. When they were horn he took them into the factory to show them to all his employees production workers and office staff alike. "I thought it was right to introduce my successors to my employees"

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### NO SAFETY IN INSTABILITY

Today's defence debate will not he only about Trident and Polaris. It will give the Commons an opportunity to grapple with the whole rangle of arguments which now envelop the subject of Britain's defences. The arguments are not new but they have recently become more earnest and politically divisive than for many years. The split in the Labour Party is one symptom of stress. The reemergence of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is another. The Government is right to feel that the subject must be confronted publicly and head on. To dismiss the questioning of established policy as the work of a small political minority is to misjudge the public mood, Many people who do not support the unilateralists are sufficiently worried to want open debate. The choice of Britain's next generation of nuclear missiles is not strictly part of this debate hecause it is largely a technical and financial issue, but it has brought the broader issues into

#### Negotiating limits on arms race

The conventional wisdom with which we have lived since the start of the nuclear age is that nuclear weapons-if they can be kept in the hands of reasonably civilized governments-tend to lessen rather than increase the danger of war because they raise the costs to unacceptable heights. Confidence in this assumption is now diminishing for two main reasons. First, these civilized governments have been unable to negotiate effective limits on the arms race. They continue to pour huge sums of money into increasing their arsenals, each claiming to be catching up with the other. This not only wastes money which could be better spent but increases the danger of war by perpetuating instability and aggravating mutual fear and distrust. Moreover, their political relations are worsening.

Secondly, the latest nuclear weapons are so accurate that it begins to become possible to think of knocking out most of an opponent's weapons at one blow, leaving him with the choice herween surrendering or suffering total destruction of his cities. In theory the Soviet Union will have this capacity over-the next few years and the West will have if present programmes continue.

On paper it seems to make nuclear war thinkable again, thereby weakening the argument that the balance of terror is the best guarantee of peace. Certainly Soviet experts write with chilling calmness about fighting and winning a nuclear war.

Anxiety is therefore wide-spread and justified but it produces different responses. On the fringes of the unilateralist movement there are a few true helievers in Soviet communism. With them the argument is not about nuclear weapons but the nature of the Soviet system. Similarly there are some consistent pacifists with whom the argument is not about nuclear weapons but about the use of force. The broad warm heart of ing effectively to it would be

the movement is more difficult impossible, so Britain would at to get to grips with because it hrings together several overlapping schools of thought. Some want Britain to rely on the protection of the Americans. Some believe conventional weapons could provide sufficient deter-Some believe Britain rence. should opt out of the alliance

altogether. Many, however, are driven by a simple conviction that anything is better than the horror of nuclear war, In other words, better red than dead, if those are the alternatives. This can be an honest position if the implications are squarely faced. Traditionally it has been regarded as right to prefer death to dishonour, but the choice may no longer, be personal or even national. Is one justified in try-ing to save one's own honour, or one's own political system, when doing so might destroy millions? This is a moral dilemma on which honourable people may differ.

But too many unilateralists are not honest with themselves. They seem to believe that Britain could withdraw from the nuclear defence of the alliance without any significant risk-or indeed that it would be safer outside. Some explain this by saying that the Soviet Union is not in fact expansionist, that its military posture is largely a reaction to a perceived threat from the West, and that if the West disarmed it would not seek advantage, or might even disarm

#### Russian tradition of expansion

This is a weak argument. Russia has a long tradition of ex-pansion and the Soviet Union has continued it by extending its influence wherever possible. Of course it can be argued that expansion has been undertaken only in the search for greater security, but one would need enormous confidence in this argument to stake the entire survival of western democracy on it. No responsible government could do so. And even if, for the sake of argument, one were to grant that Soviet intentions may now be pacific, is there any guarantee that they would remain so if the Soviet Union found itself enjoying unchallengeable military superiority in Europe? Power can corrupt governments as well as individuals.

Some members of CND reply that if a popular movement against nuclear arms were suc-cessful in Britain it would spread to western Europe and then to eastern Europe and perhaps even into the Soviet Union. This is a very distant possibility on which no government policy could be based. Admittedly if western Europe were to disarm it would give the Russians interesting problems in eastern Europe, but the Russians solve many of their problems by brute force and would be more likely to do so in this case without Nato opposite. Unilateralist policies would thus launch Britain into a totally unpredictable future. To remain in the alliance without contribut-

some point find itself outside. This might seem comfortable for while because the Russians would presumably point their rockets elsewhere. But Britain is an important member of the alliance and her withdrawal would have wider effects.

There are several directions in which things might go, all of them undesirable. For instance, with the European balance upset, the Americans would depend almost wholly on West Germany, which might feel obliged to increase its defence effort, thereby alarming the Russians and slowly unstitching the entire European security system. British withdrawal would then have increased, not decreased, the danger of war.

#### Danger of American withdrawal

Alternatively, with the European alliance falling apart the Americans might withdraw to the other side of the Atlantic. This could add to the dangers of a Soviet-American confrontation elsewhere. It would also leave western Europe with no effective defence against the Soviet Union. Probably the Soviet Union would not march in but it could slowly increase its political influence to a point where political, cultural and economic freedoms would be destroyed.

Perhaps this would be preferable to nuclear war but there is no guarantee that this process would avert war. The present European security system, imperfect though it is, has prevented war for a comparatively long time by the standards of European history. It will certainly have to be modified over the years to reduce tension and bring eastern and western Europe closer together, but to destroy it unilaterally through British withdrawal would plunge it into highly dangerous instability. The more insular escapists among the unilateralists do not face up to this, or to the effects which would come back on Britain. They claim to be driven by moral concern but there is a streak of highly immoral irresponsibility in their desire to escape the risks which go with a sense of common duty towards the fate of Europe.

Governments, however, must take seriously the auxiety which feeds these tendencies or it will cause them still greater problems. It is to a large extent the result of the joint failure of East and West to reduce their differences and bring the arms race under control. The Russians must bear a lot of the blame because they continued to build up their arms while the Americans were cutting down in the 1970s, but the failure of the United States to ratify Salt II did a lot to undermine European confidence. It western governments are to avoid the further growth of unilateralism they must be seen to be trying harder to make the present balance of mutual deterrence more stable and effective. But they can base themselves on the argument that instability increases the risk of war, and unilateralism increases the risk of instability.

### WHAT ARE THE NEW PARTY'S RIGHTS?

Now that twelve former Labour sustain the constitutional prin-Members of Parliament have decided to sit in the House of Commons as Social Democrats a number of delicate questions will have to be decided. They have still to establish themselves as a separate party in the country: that move will be taken within the next few weeks. But from now on they have every right to be considered as a separate party in Parliament. That judgment will be challenged by those who maintain that the Social Democrats can have no parlia-mentary legitimacy until they have been elected with that label. Each of them was returned to the House of Commons in May 1979 as a Labour MP; and, it may be argued, they cannot claim that they would enjoy the same support as Social Democrats until that has been put to the

test at the polls. Yet there are reasons of both precedent and principle why the Social Democratic dozen should not be required to resign their seats and stand again in the ensuing by-elections. It has never been the practice that a member who crosses the floor of the House is expected to submit himself immediately for reelection. It is true that Mr Taverne did so at Lincoln in 1973, but that was the exception not the rule.

There is no good reason why a member should be required to do so because this would imply tuat he is elected simply as the nominee of his party. It may be more difficult these days to

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Sir, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, as a

distinguished authority and a mem-

ciple that an MP is the repre-sentative of his constituents, with the freedom and the responsibility to exercise his judgment on their behalf, but it needs to be

sustained at every opportunity.

It follows that if a group of them decide to exercise their judgment so as to form a new party they have every right to do so. They should be recognized in the same way as any other party for the proceedings in the House, for service on select committees and so forth. It would also follow logically that twelve Social Democrats should take precedence over eleven Liberals as the third largest party in the House. But if the Social Democrats hope to have the electoral alliance with the Liberals by which they set such store they would be wise not to press their case in that respect. The Liberals would be justifiably upset if they were ousted from their position by a new group with only one more member, none of whom had stood for election in the colours in which they were now fighting

There are then a series of questions, of a quasi constitutional nature, as to how the Democrats should be treated for broadcasting purposes. So far as news bulletins and the ordinary run of current affairs programmes are concerned, the broadcasting authorities should be guided solely by news values-which probably means that the Social Democrats would receive more exposure than their numbers in Parliament would suggest.

Party political broadcasts between now and the next election are a different matter. They are allotted on the basis of votes cast at the last election. These are the existing rules, and these formal broadcasts are not of such consequence that a concern for political equity should require them to be changed. The Social Democrats will not suffer too harsh a handicap if they do not have a party political broadcast

in the meantime. During the next election campaign they will have the right to one television election broadcast and one radio broadcast, each of five minutes, provided that they put at least fifty candidates in the field. Soundings have been taken by the broadcasting authorities and there is at the moment no disposition to change these rules. It is understandable that there is no rush to do so before a new party has even been formed in the country. But it would be quite wrong to stick inflexibly to the old regulations in new and fluid circumstances quite different from those for which they had been devised. The Social Democrats did not win any votes at the last election because they did not exist. But they will be represented at the next election by a number of members in the present Parliament and the opinion polls suggest that they will have a good deal and possibly a great deal of public support. A sense of fairness and realism requires that they should not be treated like a tiny fringe party of no consequence.

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The publications of the unit are to be found on the bookshelves of every probation office. They are a valuable asset to those of us engaged in the field of crime and delin-

Yours faithfully,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### of El Salvador

From Mr C. Martin Bax Sir, Recent correspondence under this heading has not addressed itself to actually helping El Salvador's people but only to arguing about ow the present appalling situation

has arisen. Continuous advice and information from our partners there has convinced Christian Aid not only that humanitarian aid is very urgently needed, but that United States policies supporting the junta in El Salvador are likely to escalate the violence and increase the suffer-

ing of the people. Christian Aid has therefore made an appeal to its supporters in the an appear to its supporters in the British churches, and funds are being rapidly transferred to the Ecumenical Committee in El Salvador. Reliable channels for the application of this aid have been established. Through the British Council of Churches we have strongly requested British Government support for the proposed EEC humanitarian aid to be snent through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The British Council of Churches has also urged the British Government to continue its policy of not supplying military or economic aid to the El Salvador junta, and to support efforts towards a negotiated peace such as the West German initiative. Of course the Soviet and Cuban Governments' activities are significant but they will only suc-ceed if the violence escalates.

Your readers may wish to support all of these initiatives actually to help the people of El Salvador. Yours faithfully, C. MARTIN BAX, Associate Director, Christian Aid. PO Box 1, SW9. February 27.

From Mr Hallam Murray Sir, I cannot share Mrs Thatcher's view that it is for the people of El Salvador to solve their own problems (Leader, February 28). This predominantly agricultural country—barely the size of Wales with a population of four million—it leader. is largely owned by a powerful group of landowners, known as the Fourteen Families". The right-wing military junta which they support is of a particularly oppressive and unpleasant kind and is unlikely to moderate its policies without strong international pressure.

Last year, a friend and I bicycled through El Salvador on our way from Los Angeles to Lima. Peru. We met and stayed with many poor farming families. We often discussed the sad plight of their country, which is outstandingly beautiful and as rich in agricultural land as any country in Latin America. Without exception, the men and women whom we met were sickened by the crossfire of violence between left and right and longed for the day when they and their families might live in relative safety.

The El Salvador Human Rights Commission, announced recently that 0.3 per cent of the population was killed during 1980, the vast majority by the regime's soldiers, paramilitary forces and death squads. Only recently has our press begun to take due notice of this appalling situation.

Without the strongest international pressure for land reform and for human rights, combined with a substantial package of international aid, it is difficult to see how the position can improve for these largely law-abiding and hard-working people. Yours faithfully,

HALLAM MURRAY,: 97 Shuttleworth Road, SW11.

#### Private members' Bills

From Mr Barry Sheerman, MP for Huddersfield, East (Labour and Co-operative) Sir, Further to Mr Augus Nicol's (letter, February 25) doubts as to the purpose of Parliament with

regard to the Gaelic Bill, may I support him in so far as Parliament's role in private members' legislation is concerned? Some of the long and irrelevant speeches he refers to may well have been intended to obstruct not merely Donald Stewart's measure, but my own Safety of Children in Cars Bill, which was due to imme-

diately follow for its second reading. The tactics which can be em-ployed to sink almost any such Bill increasingly make a mockery of any pretence at a truly independent rivate member's contribution to the law-making process.

Changes in the treatment of private members' initiatives are, in my view, urgently needed if it is to retain any credibility at all. I believe that the role of private members' legislation should be in-creased and that odds against private members' Bills getting on the statute book should be reduced.

Many important reforms have been enacted through the medium of private members' legislation and I feel that this should be increased. Yours faithfully,

BARRY SHEERMAN. House of Commons. February 27.

#### The Blue Division From Mr John Crookshank

Sir, Your leader (February 25) about the recent, abortive coup in Spain summed up the situation clearly and concisely—and opti-mistically both for Spain and for her European neighbours, but not everyone would describe the Spanish Blue Division as "infamous".

The Spanish troops were deployed amidst the bleak Finnish forests and lakes at the northern and of the German front in a somewhat static corner of this enormous barnlefield. They lacked mobility, were low down the priority list for modern equipment and must have wondered what they were fighting for but, as Spanish troops always do, they fought with bravery and determination in an unusually nasty part of a Basty war.

#### Helping the people A switch in Civil Service loyalties?

From Mr G. W. Thom. Sir, It is reported (The Times, February 25) that the First Division Association, representing the administrative grades-from Principal to Permanent Secretary-in the Civil Service, has resolved to back the campaign by the Civil Service unions over pay.

The Civil Service has not always become the campaign of the Civil Service has not always become the control of the civil Service has not always become the control of the civil Service has not always become the control of the civil Service has not always become the civil Service with the

been treated generously or fairly in matters of pay and conditions of service, but until recently civil servants have accepted that where this conflict between the national interest as the government of the day sees it and their own interests.

the former must prevail.

As everybody knows, this is no longer the case, However, until quite recently the First Division Associa-tion was notably less willing than the unions representing the lower Civil Service grades to drift with the prevailing tide. A disturbing change became apparent when the association decided a few years ago, a majority vote, to join the TUC To join a body associated in the public mind with a particular method of pursuing industrial disputes and, e-ually important, bed bowed? Acad lastrilog bashem

judgment.
The decision yesterday, February 25, appears to mean that a sub-stantial proportion of the members of the higher Civil Service are prepared to participate in action designed to hold the community to in pursuance of their selfish interests. I entress no view dispute between the Civil Service and the Government. That is not the point. The point is that a large number of people occupying poston the rights and wrongs of the tions of influence at the centre of the governmental machine now subscribe to the doctrine that their first loyalty is to themselves and not to the Government which they are employed to serve. Many members of the public no doubt feel that they are right, but I suspect that a larger number take a dif-

ferent view.
I am sorry that I feel moved to write in this strain about former colleagues, but it seems to me that it would be healthy if there were to be some public debate on the changed ethos of a Service once renowned for its good sense and high standards. Yours faithfully,

G. W. THOM. The Oast House, Upper Green Road, ... Shipbourne, February 26,

From Mr A. J. Roberts .

Sir, There was a time when the Civil Service could expect fair treatment from both your influential columns and from the Government; sadly it seems that neither is

possible now. - - You suggested on February 27 that the pay research unit would give a the prevailing However, you choose to overlook the February 26.

fact that this can only be possible if the current rates of Civil Service pay are, and have been for some time, far below the rate in comparable occupations. Now the Government has not only refused to hancur the long established pay research system but has even suppressed the Jatest findings. This is surely a most lamentable example surely a most lamentable example for a British government to set in the field of industrial relations. Sir, all the civil servant is seeking is fair treatment but both you and

the Government appear to resent and reject even this. Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY J. ROBERTS, 179 Osborne Road, Seigmon: February 28.

From Mr Theo Hetherington

Sir. As an ex-civil servant and for-Ser. As an executi servant and former member of the First Division. Association, I write to say how shocked and disgusted I was to read in your issue today (February 26) that the FDA have actually given their approval to "strike" action their approval to "strike" action. by the other Civil Service unions. Does it really have to be pointed out that the duty of civil servants is, above all, to serve—to serve with unflagging loyalty and integrity the government of the day, whatever its political complexion? In the past the British Civil Service has been proud of a fine tradition of doing exactly that. The only distincin this regard, between the armed forces of the Crown and its civil servants is, or should be, that the former wear uniform and the latter do not. They all have the duty and privilege to serve. In return for their loyal service,

civil servants are rewarded-if a reward for serving one's country has to be computed—by greater security of employment and more generous conditions of retirement than are enjoyed by most others outside this corps d'élite. But even if they were not, for a government servant even to consider withholding his service should be unthinkable: it is a contradiction in terms Yet now we are told that the FDA, those who should have the deepest sense of responsibility and the sharpest awareness of the duties of a civil servant, are actually condoning what is curiously misnamed in your report as "industrial action" (as if a service were an industry), but what in the fighting services would be called mutiny.

If any such infamous "strike" does take place I hope that the Government will immediately invite all retired civil servants to offer their services free, in any capacity, during the period of the stoppage. There must be many like myself who would want to do something to atone, in however small a degree, for such an appalling disgrace. Yours faithfully.

THEO HETHERINGTON, Mushroom Cottage, Barker's Hill, Shaftesbury,

#### Heritage in danger From Professor J. D. Evans

Sir, The recent decision by the Government to withdraw from the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) (letters February 17 and 25) is a signal and shocking example of the follies which can result from the implementation of a broad policy decision without due consideration of the consequences in detail. Despite its sesquipeda-lian appellation, ICCROM is a small but highly effective interand indirectly in promoting the conservation of the material cultural heritage (buildings, paintings, museum collections, etc) all over the world, and in the training of con-servators and museologists from

many countries in the latest tech-The Government has no criticism of ICCROM's work and the amount contributed by Britzin annually (\$65,000) is minute. The consequ-ences of withdrawal on the other hand will be far reaching. Britain will suffer most, first in loss of grants to British candidates for ICCROM courses, secondly and more importantly in the inevitable

loss of prestige and influence in a field where we have been regarded

as leaders. ICCROM itself could also suffer further financial losses through the bad example set by our

Government.
The benefits which we have enjoyed as members of ICCROM far outweigh the cost of membership even in financial terms, as Mr Feileven in financial terms, as Mr Feil-den and Dr Taylor have shown. From my own experience as Director of the London University Institute of Archaeology I can add another example which they did not mention. For four years in the early seventies ICCROM provided gene-rous financial support for a post in our Conservation Department to our Conservation Department to help the development of training in the subject. The Government's action is as foolish in practice as it is disgrace-

ful in principle. Some consultation beforehand might have prevented the perpetration of this absurdity in the name of a consistent policy. The Director of ICCROM will cerrainly have the full co-operation and teinly have the full co-operation and backing of the Council for British Archaeology in his fight to raise Britain's subscription privately, but may one not hope that, in the light of the facts, the Government will now put good sense before consistency and revoke its decision?

Yours faithfully.

J. D. EVANS. President, Council for British Archaeology, 112 Kennington Road, SE11. February 27

#### Fight on the beaches From Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh

Sir, The letter (February 20) from Mr P. M. Barlow under the above heading is exceedingly welcome, not only because its publication is some recognition of the very real threat to migratory salmonids which will inevitably develop should a fishing up to the beaches policy be adopted by the EEC, but also because it outlines so clearly this threat and the problem associated with sensible conservation of salmon and sea-trout when in the marine

environment. The Atlantic Salmon Trust has long maintained the crying need for resolute action to protect such a vulnerable but valuable resource and this has been well represented to appropriate authorities in the United Kingdom and the EEC. But the problem is not solved by establishing a 12-mile limit, or a limit at any other distance used to

define national fishery limits. Within such limits around the United Kingdom it is the Trust's view that all drift-netting for salmon and catching of migratory salmonids by gill nets of any description should be banned, existing fisheries being phased out gradually. Beyond national fishery limits there should be a complete ban on all forms of fishing for salmonids, in conformity with the appropriate article now and at last about to emerge from the United Nations International Law of the Sea Conference, in the initial drafting of which article the Trust

Yours faithfully. HUGH MACKENZFE, Chairman. The Atlantic Salmon Trust Lad, 14 Downing Street, Farnham, Surrey.

#### Swoop on the provinces From Lady Elton

Sir, The sound of battle in Fleet Street is heard only too clearly in Bristol, where the Bristol Evening Post and the Western Daily Press are under threat of total control by the Associated Newspapers Group.

The concern for a healthy prorincial press was put forward by The Royal Commission on the Press in 1949. The high mortality rate of independent provincial newspapers, and the consequent impoverishment of regional life, alarmed Sir Linton Andrews, Mr E. W. Martin, and Professor Raymond Williams, Professor Williams further considered the inestimable value of the local weeklies, and the means to secure

Since then, the Plymouth, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Torquay, and Exeter dailies, as well as 12 local weeklies including, ludicrously enough, the Cornish Guardian, have fallen to the Associated Newspapers Group. One wonders what credentials a vast metropolitan newspaper chain might claim as guardians of the richly diverse interests of West Country communities.

Daniel Defoe observed in the Bristol of the 1720's "a more entire independency upon London than any other town in Britain". Farley's Bristol Newspaper, "printed at my house near Newgate, in Wine Street" was part of that independency. Not far from Wine Street, the Bristol Evening Post has in our time served the interests of the Bristol region for half a cen-

Yours faithfully, MARGARET ANN ELTON, Clevedon Court, Somerset.

#### West Indies tour questions

From Dr J. W. Butt Sir, I hope those who complain about the Guyanese attempt to ban a British cricketer were not sup-

norters of Mrs Thatcher's attempts to wreck the Olympics.

Of course, it may be that those who are guilty of this incensistency think that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan is more hateful than apartheid. I wish they would come out in the open and say so. Yours faithfully,

I. W. BUTT, Department of Spanish, King's College London, Strand, WC2, February 27.

From Mr O. E. Palmer Sir, I am sure you are right (leading article, February 27)—it is for the

selectors to select I am equally sure it is for the selectors to respect the feelings of the hosts (feelings shared in this country) if they claim a right to select the guests.

Your faithfully, O. E. PALMER, 11 Causeway, Horsham, West Sussex. February 27.

From Mr P. J. Spooner Sir, It is sad that Robin Jackman, who has made such a stolwart contribution to the English county scene for many years, should be used as a political pawn, especially at a time when he is on the brink of representing his country overseas.

It is perhaps a point for reflection that a number of the current West Indian team play consistently against South African citizens, albeit outside the boundaries of the Republic itself.

Yours faithfully, P. J. SPOONER, 131 Boundary Road, Wallington, Surrey. February 27.

#### EEC quantum theory From Lord Walston

Sir, Your issues of February 20 and 23 remind us that the annual baggle over farm prices is now starting in Brussels. You rightly point to the difficulties raised by over production, which to many indicates that prices are too high: and the fall in farm incomes, in spite of good harvests, which supports farming arguments for higher

At last the Commission is moving towards policies which can square this circle: the idea of a coresponsibility levy is gaining ground. This should be elaborated and vigorously pursued. May I suggest how it could work for wheat?

The Commission should fix a quantum (quota is still a dirty word) for the whole Community and guarantee a price for this amount which reflects the rise in tost of inputs and gives a fair return to the farmer. The surplus over and above this quantum will not rank for intervention, but, it sold into intervention, will be naid. sold into intervention, will be paid for at world prices. The final figure paid out to farmers will reflect the amount of the surplus and the price received for it. The quantum will, in the first instance, be at the level in the first instance, be at the level of production of the 1980 harvest. It will be reduced annually by 25 per cent until the world price of wheat rises to within, say, 20 per cent of the guaranteed price, or until it reaches a predetermined level. In this way the political pressures inherent in our present method of fixing prices and quantities will be minimized!

be minimized!

The tax payer's contribution will be kept within agreed limits; while farmers, if the harvest is bad and no surplus is produced, will receive a higher price, but if the harvest is good prices will fall.

I hope that Mr Walker will be able to persuade his fellow ministers.

to accept in principle a solution on Yours truly, WALSTON, A14 Albany. Piccadilly, W1. February 24.

#### Care of ancient buildings From Captain C. B. Featherstone

Sir, Lord Mersey (February 19) is absolutely right. In former times, judging by nineteenth century photographs of this ancient place, ivy was considered an asset—the house sparrows loved it as a nesting

place I I have recently had a blitz here. Not only had the ivy clamped itself onto the mortar of the 14th century walls, but several stones of the main curtain walls had been lifted some three inches by the roots of this insidious weed. They weight over one hundredweight each.

Yours faithfully, C. B. FEATHERSTONE-DILKE. Maxstoke Castle. Coleshill, Warwickshire. February 26.

From Mr A. Drew-Edwards

Sir, The letter from Mr Trevor Jukes (February 26) questioning whether ivy damages buildings is interesting. From my experience in the repair and conservation of historic buildings, I have found that ivy on the outside of a wall does not cause damage either to the mortar or to the walling material but it is a different matter when the roots and stems grow within the thickness of the walling. In this situation, the increasing

size of the stems as years pass can cause considerable damage. In mediaeval stone walling especially, which is usually constructed of inner and outer faces with an internal filling of rubble, the expansion of the stems will, over the years, distort the masonry and can eventually push the faces apart thus making

rebuilding necessary.

My answer to Mr Jukes will be that ivy is unlikely to cause damage unless the roots or stems enter the masonry when damage is almost

certain. Yours faithfully, A. DREW-EDWARDS, Drew-Edwards Keene, 34 Princes Road West, eicester. February 27.

From Mr M. B. Murphy

ber of an enlightened pressure group, wrote to you today (February 27) to express concern about the threat to the Home Office Reseach Unit. As a probation officer, I share

his disquiet essential to advancement. Any reduc-When resources are limited, surely tion in the resources of the Home

see that they are expended most appropriately, through the monitoring of existing practice and the evaluation of new method. Progress in the treatment of offenders need not cost more, and indeed is likely to save money (if only on the high cost of imprisonment), but it does demand skilled analysis : research is

it becomes even more necessary to есопошу.

quency.

MARTIN MURPHY. 53 Holloway Road, N7.

127 Piccadilly, W1.

Yours sincerely, JOHN CROOKSHANK, Cavalry and Guards Club,

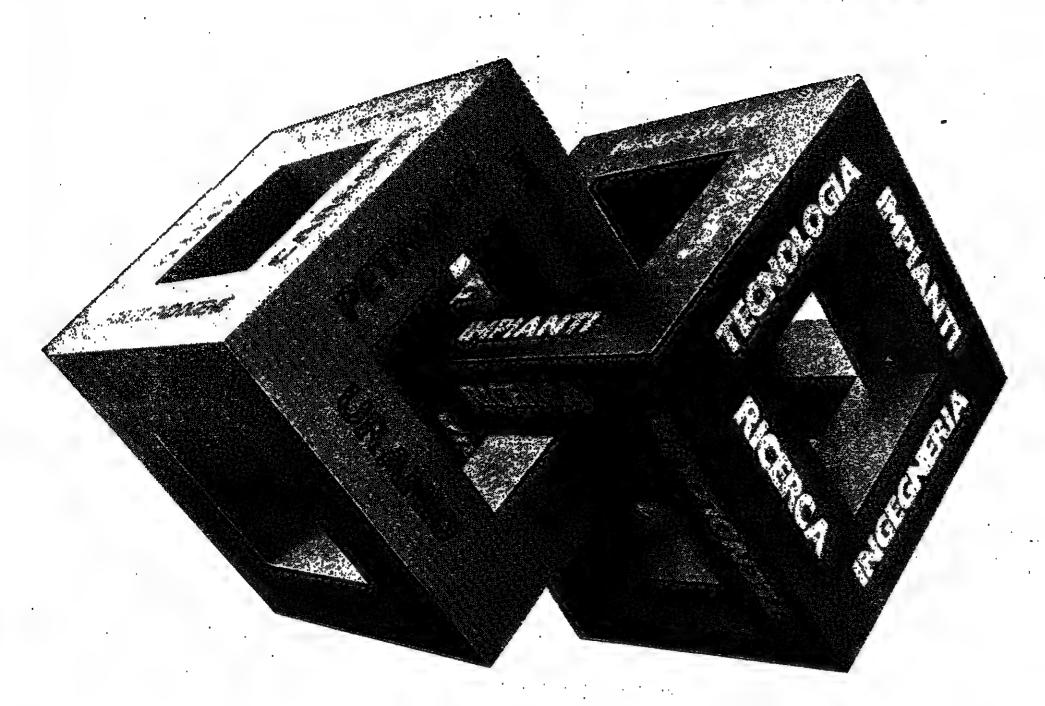
played a substantial part.

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## THE IMPORTANCE

During 1980 the ENI Group consolidated still further its position among the world's major industrial groups.

On preliminary estimates, turnover during the year amounted to \$US30,000 million.

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Supply, transport, distribution and sale of natural gas. Transport of oil and petroleum products.

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Prospection and production of uranium ores, nuclear fuel cycle operations, renewable energy sources, energy conservation.

### **Samim**

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Base chemicals and derivatives. Secondary and fine chemicals. Pharmaceuticals,

### **Snamprogetti**

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### **Saipem**

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### **NuovoPignone**

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Production and supply of machinery for the textile industry.

Textile and garment manufacturing industry.

Financing industrial and commercial activities of the ENI group.



Talks fail on

Southern TV

By Kenneth Gosling
TV South, the new inde-pendent television franchise bolder for the South and South-

east said yesterday that it was confident it would be ready to

go on the air by next January
even though it will have to
build its own studios in South-

Negotiations between itself

and the outgoing company, Southern, to take over existing

studios broke down after talks lasting two months between the

lasting two months between the merchant bankers for the companies—Warburgs for Southern, Henry Ansbacher for TV South. Southern said TV South. Soffer was "pureolistic and unacceptable". TV South said it was "fair" and reasonable.

Neither would comment on

Neither would comment on the figures, but one TV South source said the gap between the two was "unbridgeable".

According to Southern's last annual report, the value of the freehold of the studios at Northam was £4.8m and the total book value of the company's assets was £6.8m.

TV South said in its original application that it would

TV South said in its original application that it would attempt to reach agreement with Southern for the acquisition of its principal assets by the end of February.

In spite of the breakdown, Southern said in a statement that it would continue discussions on all operational matters which needed to be resolved, particularly those affecting the company's 500 staff. These had to be resolved before the end

to be resolved before the end of Southern's contract with the Independent Broadcasting

Southern Television had no

comment yesterday on the future of its Northam studios.

TV South is understood to have

its eye on a site in central

Lord Boston of Faversham, chairman of TV South, issued a statement regretting the breakdown of negotiations with

Southern and confirmed assur-

suces already given to that company's staff that their future would be secure.

Fox board to

Authority.

sale of

studios

#### Stock markets FT Ind 501.4 down 5.2 FT Gilts 68.97 down 0.15

### Sterling

#### \$2.1805 down 245 pts Index 98.7 down 0.2

#### Index 101.4 up 0.8 DM 2.1495 up 190 pts

### \$465.8 down \$21.7

### Money

#### 3 mth sterling 13-12; 3 mth Euro \$ 171-16' 6 mth Euro \$ 171-17'

#### IN BRIEF

#### Joint UK venture on defence satellites

British Aerospace and Plessey have agreed to collaborate on the development of communications satellites for defence purposes. The two companies have joined forces as proposals are being considered by the Ministry of Defence to reestablish an independent British military satellite communications net-

work costing £100m.

Although the new system, known as Satcom/Skynet IV, would exchange information through the Nato and United States satellite networks, the project has been designed specifically to accommodate the Trident submarine system and the increasing use of space communications links by the majority of the Royal Navy's

vessels.

The collaboration of British Aerospace and Plessey in this field presents a direct challenge to the GEC company. Marconi Space and Pefence Systems, which specializes in military and space communicamilitary and space communica-tions equipment.

#### Ban on Japanese TVs

The European Community has approved a French ban on the importation of Japanese colour television sets by way of other European countries. The import quota was filled in 1979 and 1980, but imports of these sets through other European nations quadrupled in those same years from 18,700 to 76,700.

#### Industrial training

boards may have outlived their usefulness, Mr Peter Morrison, Joint Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Employ-ment, said in Birmingham, Mr Morrison said that ludusmial training could be far less bureaucratic and cheaper if it were run by industry on its

#### Refinancing plan

Business confidence in Massey-Perguson is being tested again as the company tries to sell Can\$200m of government-backed preferred shares. The issue forms part of a compli-cated Can\$730m refinancing plan designed to rescue Massey from hankruptcy,

#### Loan to China

The International Monetary Fund has approved a 12-month standby arrangement for 450 million special drawing rights for Chins. The loan is in support of China's economic pro-

#### Plant to close

Luke and Spencer, of Altrincham, Cheshire, manu-facturers of abrasive wheel and grinding machines, is to close in May with the loss of 180 jobs.

Prime rate cut Chemical Bank has cut its prime rate to 181 per cent. Other big banks remain at 19

#### per cent. Wall Street up

Rises

Falls

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 3.41 points up at 977.99. The \$-SDR 1.21578. The £

Euto Ferries 71p to 167p Fisons 12p to 140p Global Nat Res 35p to 475p Gripperrods 8p to 136p

Angle Am Corp 26p to 596p Bracken Mines 12p to 156p Lloyds Bank 18p to 318p

### Pound down by 2.45 cents to 10-month low against dollar

Far Eastern selling precipi-tated a further slide in sterling vesterday, prompted by continuing speculation of a substantial cut in minimum leading rate in next week's Budget and pessimism over Britain's economic

By the time London trading opened the pound had fallen to \$2,1655, down 4 cents from Friday's close. But it recovered some ground during the day, finishing down 2.45 cents at a 10-month low of \$2,1805.

The pound's fall arose in part from a stronger dollar, which was boosted by firmer Eurodollar interest rates.

Eurodollar interest rates.

The dollar closed up 1.90 pfennigs against the Deutsche mark, while its effective exchange rate index measured against a basket of currencies cose 0.8 to 101.4.

Gold plunged nearly \$25 to end the day at \$465.8, its lowest since December 1979, in response to the stronger dollar and higher American interest and higher American interest

rates.

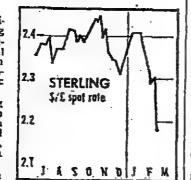
London foreign exchange dealers took the view that sterling had been oversold abroad on speculation that minimum lending rate would be cut by 3 per cent or more in the Budget. They believe a 2 per cent cut is more likely, given the Government's continuing commitment to a right tinuing commitment to a right monetary policy and its high borrowing requirement in the second quarter of 1981.

In Eurocurrency markets, In Eurocurrency markets, three month sterling was trading at just under 13 per cent, below the rates for the Deutsche mark and French franc as well for the dollar. Nevertheless, the pound was generally steady against Continental currencies.

Eurodollar rates rose on the Eurodollar rates rose on the expectation that United States interest rates will remain high in future months, encouraged by worse-than-expected American money supply figures published on Friday.

In German money markets, with trading thin because of the last the light worse trades.

pre-Lent holidays, interest rates on call money soared to 20 to 30 per cent in the first



minutes of trading. But they eased back to around 20 per cent after the German Federal Bank announced that it would provide the banking system with several thousands of millions of marks in averal liquidity through marks in extra liquidity through

currency swaps.
The Deutsch mark has been doing well against other currencies in the European Monetary System since the German Federal Bank acted over a week need to tighten over a week ago to tighten credit and drive up short-term interest rates. But it remains weak against the dollar, which has led to speculation that the Federal Bank may be forced to introduce a more general support package for the mark, perhaps coordinated with a similar package for the Swiss franc. In domestic many markets

In domestic money markets the six monthly payment of petroleum revenue tax was largely responsible for an estimated shortage of more than £1,000m in the discount market. The Bank of England relieved the shortage through exceptionally large purchases of paper and lending at MLR for periods of seven and eight days. Although the temporary reduction from 10 to 8 per cent, in the banks' minimum reserve as the banks' minimum reserve asset ratios took some of the pressure off the system, overnight money was still very tight, closing at around 25 per cent after briefly touching 50 per cent. With the shortage not expected to unwind before next

week, the one week rate traded above 17 per cent.
Financial Editor, page 17

### Government names committee to monitor performance of BSC

### Laird Group chief heads steel panel

The Government resterday announced the formation of the committee which will monitor the performance of Mr Isn Mac-Gregor, the chairman of the British Steel Corporation, and will determine how much of the controversial "transfer deal" fee-his former employers will receive.

Mr John Gardiner, chief executive of the Laird Group, will be the independent chairman of the committee which will meet to monitor the progress of BSC towards meeting performance objectives. The success, or otherwise in meeting those targets will determine how much of the £1,150,000 will be paid to Lazard Freres, the American investment bankers

Mr MacGregor left to join BSC. Under the terms of the deal, the Government paid an initial sum of £675,000 for Mr MacGregor's three-year term, with provision for pro rata refunds if he failed to complete the full term.

Two prominent businessmen have been nominated by Mr MacGregor as members of the committee. They are, Viscount Weir, chairman and chief executive of the Weir Group and formerly a non executive director of the BSC, and Mr Albert Frost, a director of British Airways and S. G.

Neepsend

on the way By Peter Wilson-Smith

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Mr Albert Frest, left, and Viscount Weir:

Sir Keith Joseph has appointed as his nominees to the committee, Mr John Steele, a deputy secretary at the Department of Industry, who among other responsibilities supervises policy towards the steel industry, and Mr Kenneth Sharp, head of the Government's accountancy

services.

The committee members were announced in a Commons written reply by Mr Michael Marshall, junior industry minister and come after last week's announcement that the Government is to provide BSC with a further £880m over the next 15 months and write off of £3,509m of debt.

with the now defunct Industrial Reorga-nization Corporation and is also a non executive director of British Shipbuilders

Yesterday Sir Keith and Mr Marshall met a delegation of stell industry union leaders led by Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation accompanied by members of the private sector trade union action committee. Mr Sirs emphasized the difficulties being faced by the private sector companies as a result of the recession.

Among the delegation were representatives from the Llanelli plant of Duport which is due to be closed under an agreement reached with BSC. Duport steel processing activities will be temporarily taken over by the BSC before forming a part of

over by the BSC before forming a part of a new jointly-owned company in the engineering steels sector.

Mr. Donald Evans, one of the represen-taives from the Llanelli plant gave a warning that when the plant's order book is exhausted in a few weeks time they would seek to prevent the removal of any

Today representatives from the Llanelli works will press their case during a visit to the EEC Commission in Brussels where a Council of Ministers meeting will be discussing measures to halt the crisis in the steel industry.

### Britain seeks to retain compulsory controls on EEC steel production

continue strongly to oppose it," a West German spokesman said.

The only alternative would appear to be a return to some

From Michael Bornsby Brussels, March 2

Britain's view is to be out-lined by Mr Norman Tebbit, Minister of State for Industry.

over an informal luncheou with-his EEC colleagues before a more general discussion on the

future of the hard-pressed European steel industry in the

By Catherine Gunn

The amalgamation of stock-

broking firms Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar and Quilter Hilton Goodison was finally

announced yesterday afternoon.

said yesterday. The merger is subject to Stock Exchange con-

Roughly half Hedderwick's staff of 200 will join Ouilter. Eleven of Hedderwick's 22 part-ners, including Mr Wallis Bunt,

its senior partner, will become

partners in Quilter. Nine, unnamed, are being invited to become associated members; and

trading on April 10.

Hedderwick will cease

Neepsend, the Sheffield special steels and engineering Britain will tell its European group, is to close a large part of its steel activities. The inpartners tomorrow that it wants compulsory controls on Comterim dividend has also been passed, after a half year loss— the first in the group's 60-year munity steel production to con-tinue because of sluggish demand, unless an effective alternative method of restraint

Mr Stanley Speight, chairman and a former Master Cutler of Sheffield, said in a statement acrompanying the results: "In recent years we have been able to continue our activities in steel because other parts of the group were making good pro-

He said the group had used this breathing space to up-date plant and improve efficiency but the Government had failed to act on unfair import com-petition, now taking 50 per cent of the domestic market, and the group's energy costs were as much as 50 per cent more than those of overseas com-

"In the light of this situation, your directors are of the opinion that there is no longopinion that there is no was term future for our traditional position in steel and have decided to terminate many of these activities", he said.

No further details were availble but local sources believe that Neepsend intends to close all its steel melting and re-rolling activities which might involve about 500 redundancies. Since April, 1980, there have been 400 redundancies, reducing the group workforce to 1,300.

Neepsend lost £1.66m before tax in the six months to Sep-tember 30 compared with a temper as compared with a £810,000 profit in the comparable period. The loss included £100,000 redundancy costs, but there will be more in the second half. Interest charges rose from £584,000 to £580,000

Mr Speight said the main reason for the losses was the fall-off in sales since April. Sales fell from £17.4m to

afternoon.

The present system of mandatory production limits, which was introduced last October under Article 58 of the European Coel and Steel Community Treaty to shore-up falling prices, will expire on June 30 unless renewed by members.

The British view is understood to be shared by a majority of member states. Only Stockbroking firms amalgamate

> yesterday, Mr Hunt said: am very pleased indeed for the business and the future, but sad that on such occasions there are some you cannot take with you".

The merger will be effective take with you."

from April 11, the start of. Mr Goodison said he was Quitter's financial year, Mr satisfied with the agreement. Nicholas Goodison the firm's Some details remain to be settled, notably redundancy terms, man of the Stock Exchange, and offices. Two separate said the maintained for and offices. Two separate offices will be maintained for the moment.

The merger adds another £300m worth of private client portfolios to Quilter's estabportfolios to Quilter's estab-lished private client business, giving it a total value of approximately £750m. Mr Goodison said it would also benefit the firm's specialist services to institutions, and its come associated members; and European securities and cor-Financial Editor page 17 two will not be moving across, porate finance operations.

that all new investment in the steel industry likely to lead to an increase in production capa-city should be banned. This is

like EEC members to commit themselves to a coordinated pro-

gramme of capacity reduction. Britain also has the support

kind of voluntary system of pro-duction quotas by steel manu-facturers, but subject to stricter supervision than in the past. of the West Germans in arguing Viscount Etienne Davignon, the normally loquacious EEC Commissioner for Industry, has broadly in line with the think-ing of the European Commisbeen notably reticent in public about what he thinks should Italy and Belgium are among happen after June 30, while managing to leave the clear im-pression that he would dearly like to be rid of the emergency

Dr Otto Lambsdorff, the West should be followed during the

German economics minister, is next phase of restructuring of likely to express outright opposition to any extension of the Article 58 emergency powers.

"We didn't -like Article 58 from the beginning and we will continue strongly to oppose it."

The West was a common to be followed dorling the steel industry.

Both would like to see a firm timetable set for the elimination of all state aid to the steel sector — Britain has suggested the end of 1983 — and would continue strongly to oppose it.

the countries expected to have difficulty in agreeing to capacity reduction. The Belgians have a special problem in that investment in new continuous casting plant was part of the price paid to secure trade union Although Britain and West

Germany do not see eye to eye of the price paid to secure trade union arricle 58, they appear otherwise to be in broad agreement to the recent merger of the country's two main steel making companies. agreement to the recent merger

Hedderwick's will now be wound up, releasing the part-ners' capital. The new partners

in the enlarged Quilter will

They are: Mr Hunt, Mr
Robin Althaus, Mr John Booth,
Mr John Byron, Mr William
Callingham, Mr Ion Calvocoressi, Mr Christopher Curtis,
Mr Peter Hilliar, Mr Peter Kay,
Mr Simon Meredith-Hardy and
Mr John Welchman.

The merger talks resulted from an informal conversation between Mr Hunt and Mr Richard Elaxland, Quilter's

managing partner, some months ago. "We are old friends", Mr

The formal discussions took place on Thursday and Friday last week before the agreement

Hunt said yesterday.

bring their capital with them.

### decide on takeover bid

Los Angeles, March 2

The 20th Century Fox film Commenting on the merger
esterday, Mr Hunt said: "I department will be wound up.

In 20th Century Fox 11th company board wil meet again on March 27 to make a final consideration of the \$800m (5363m) offer to buy the studio by Mr Marvin Davis the Denver oilman. It looks as if the desi will go through with few problems.

Mr Davis' offer to acquire the company is viewed with enthusiasm Mr Denis Stanfill, chairman and chief executive, said after the board mer with Mr Davis. The board authorized further discussions with Mr Davis which could lead to negotiations of a formal agreement on the deal.

Mr Stanfill described the meeting as "very friendly and It was his first public com-

ment since the surprise news of the takeover bid was announced

Mr Davis toured the studio and a spokesman said afterwards "He is going to put a lot of money into it and he is determined to make it number one".

The film company, one of the most femous in Hollywood, which has leisure activities as

well, would be transformed from a public traded corporation in to a private company if the Davis offer is successful. Under the agreement with Fox's biggest shareholder, Chris-Craft Industries Incorporated of New York, April 7 is the deadline for execution of a definite deal between Mr Davis and Fox. If that deadline is not met Chris-Craft has the right to terminate its agreement to support

the Davis offer.

Mr Alan Hirschfield, vice chairman of Fox, said Mr Davis had indicated that he would keep the same management team if he takes over. There have been reported conflicts in the past nine months

between Mr Stanfill and Mr

### Fisons lose £16.8m and cut dividend

By Ronald Pullen Fisons yesterday capped a traumatic period for the group with news that after a £1.5m loss in the second half. year pretax profits had col-lapsed from £17.3m to only E3.8m. After a high tax charge and redundancy and closure costs of £11.9m, the group made an overall loss of £16.8m against profit of £12.1m the year

Three years ago the agricul-tural chemicals and pharma-ceuticals company was making. over £23m pretax and the severity of this year's setback has forced it to cut the final dividend from 9.6p to 3.1p net, saving £3.55m and leaving the total for the year more than a third lower at 10p.

third lower at 10p.

The results come only days after ICI also announced that it lost money in the second half and was taking the almost unprecented step of cutting its dividend. Many other British chemical companies are expected to announce sharply lower profits for last year, the worst trading period for the industry since the war, and the stockmarket is fearing that stockmarket is fearing that dividends are in danger too. Sir George Burton, the char-man, put much of the blame for the poor results on the re-

cession at home and in Europe and North America, as well as high interest rates.
Overall, sales managed a 3 per cent rise to £454m, but

fierce competition has prevented it recouping higher costs through increased selling prices. The strength of sterling is also reckoned to have cut £20m from exports. The worst affected division

a £4m turnround to trading

Mt. Holdings 28p to 338p Mercantile Hse 10p to 625p Ranger Oil 45p to 700p Sainsbury I 7p to 345p

SA Land 37p to 247p UC Linvest 66p to 465p Vlakfontein 35p to 215p W Rands Cons 22p to 158p Western Areas 19p to 263p

sells 11.85

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George Burton: high interest rates partly to blame.

losses of £1.1m as farmers and merchants delayed purchases because of the high cost of earrying stocks.

of peripheral sites and the loss of 1,100 jobs, a quarter of the division's total. Losses are

elso rose sharply, from £4.1m to £5m as losses at home could earned abroad.

shares managed to rally 12p to 140p on the stock market, helped by vague talk that the parlous state of the group Financial Editor and

Fisons' troubles have been

exacerbated by high interest costs which almost doubled interest charges to £12.6m. Tax not be offset against profits Despite the bad news, Fisons

could attract a takeover. company profits, page 17



Fisons has announced a big rationalization of its fertilizer

division involving the closure expected to continue into the first half of this year. All other divisions have also shown reduced trading profits in the

NFB invests £265,000 in personal computers

By Peter Hill

Industrial Editor

The National Enterprise Board yesterday announced its first investment from its recently created venture capital found which relies heavily on American entrepreneurial experiences.

Established with government of the NER, the board linked up with Mr Jack Melchor, a highly cashire, was formed to design and manufacture high quality, high reliability personal computers

businesses based on the transfer of products already successfully launched in the United that the United that the products already successfully launched in the United that the United that the Mr Jack Melchor, a highly cashire, was formed to design and manufacture high quality, high reliability personal computers American entrepreneurial ex-

Through Venture Fund, a f2m subsidiary established late last year, the NEB is providing £265,000 in he form of redeemable preerence and ordinary shares in Positron Computers, a company established two years ago. Anglo American Venture Fund was established last

and plans for developing new manufacturing companies in the assisted areas. November as a wholly owned subsidiary of the NEB aimed specifically at promoting high

Its tasks include identifica-tion of United Kingdom entre-preneurs with their own ideas

It will also seek out entrepreneurs willing to exploit opportunities for building

Haydock, near St Helens, Lan-cashire, was formed to design and manufacture high quality, high reliability personal com-

venture fund and personal investments by Mr Melchor and . a colleague.

successful Camorana this transfer of the fund company is associated with Anglo-American Venture Management, whose operations are directed by Mr. Melchor.

Its tasks include identification of the balance split between the transfer of the transfer of the balance split between the transfer of the balance split between the transfer of the transfer of the balance split

The company's first product is a single board general purpose computer which will be launched initially with educa-tion oriented software and

### and will have facilities to con nect with the Prestel service.

Yesterday the NEB announced that Dr Dennis Oliver, an executive director of Pilkington Brothers has been appointed to the board of Anglo-American Venture Fund. Other board members include

Mr Harry Harrison, chairman of Simon Engineering Mr Paul Nicholson, chairman of Yaux Breweries and Mr Arthur Ward, director of regional affairs for | Hirschfield, the man he hired

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PRICE CHANGES American airline offers 'three for the price of two' deal to raise cash

### 200 used passenger aircraft wait for buyers

by one American airline in an

There is an unprecedented glut in the market for used planes, and an estimated 200 passenger jets are now parked

States—has intensified.

Airlines, most of which are pressed for cash during the present recession, are offering

increasingly attractive deals, including leasing-to-buy arran-

gements on highly favourable

to be only temporary. British. Airways is one of many world carriers which has increased its sales into the saturated market First is the second-hand market in recent

In recent months British Air-

in remote desert and scrub-land market over the next few years. British Air Ferries and two sites round the world awaiting Many will fail to find buyers. Many will tail to find buyers and be scrapped, he fears, al. 747s to TWA. The disposal of though he acknowledges that undelivered 747s has been some world plane brokers are prompted by the airline's need

Two factors have been important in creating the present tremendous pressure to retire fuel-inefficient planes such as Viscounts—although a similar the 707 and DC-8, which model in top condition might because of rising energy costs cost up to £130,000. fuel-inefficient planes such as

new noise pollution regulations These means that several hunallowed to use European and The other option, to which airlines will be turning over the next couple of years, is to try to lease or sell them at knockdown prices.

A 707 in good condition can possibly be tempted by an offer of as little as £50,000 for one of its 10 to 20-year-old

John Huxley

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Buy two, get one free. That Mr Gianleopoldo de Julio, is looking for buyers for five is the remarkable deal offered Alitalia's manager of aircraft Viscounts and three 707s. A by one American airline in an leasing and sales, who recently further eight 707s will be sold attempt to sell unwanted second-hand aircraft.

The number has quadrupled over the past 12 months and prices have slumped. Competition for buyers-including the Third World and bargain hunters from Europe and the United

expects several hundred pas-senger jets, mainly DC 8s and Boeing 707s, to come on to the hoping that the glut may prove to make economies.

It is now negotiating the sale of 14 VC-10s to Lansa Carib-bean and has two brand new 747s, still with the makers Boe. have become old before their ing, on offer. In addition, it time, in effect.

delivered a third DC 8-62 to a over the next three years, and dred planes, in the 707 and South American customer, said British Airtours, a BA charter DC-8 ranges primarily will that the glut could worsen. He subsidiary, will soon be offer-either have to be scrapped or expects several hundred passing four 707s for sale. ways has sold six Viscounts to American airports after 1985.

be picked up for \$1m or less, while British Airways could



### Hongkong's reexports top £251m

trade soared to a record HK\$3,000m (£251.6m) last year, an increase of 50 per cent over 1979. China has become the number one market for Hongkong reexports and the number one source of reexports abroad

via Hongkong.

Reexports to China rose
from HK\$1,310m in 1979 to from HK\$1,310m in 1979 to HK\$4,640m (an increase of 253 per cent) and its own exports via Hongkong from HK\$5,660m to HK\$8,390m, a 48 per cent

The boom is a further indication of the importance of Hong-kong to China and enhances growing cooperation to murual advantage China and its "colonial" neighbour. former

#### US car sales

With showrooms brimming with unsold cars, United States manufacturers are cutting their first quarter production schedules again in an attempt to reduce stocks, Hopes are that inventories will be reduced to a point that even if sales nose-dive after new rebates programmes end in mid-March, dealers will have room for cars assembled in March.

Swiss liquidity

Following the Swiss National Bank's latest discount and Lombard rate increases, backing liquidity in Switzerland rose strongly towards the end of February, and banking industry sources said be approach
of the monthly settlement date
appeared to outweigh other
factors in influencing the
activity.

#### Syria trade expands

Despite strong relations with the Soviet Union, Syria has been expanding its economic ties with the West. Dozens of European companies are involved in projects in Syria, and officials there are hoping that the volume of trade with the west will continue to expand.

#### Belgian deficit.

M Marc Eyskens, Belgian finance minister, said that the public sector's financing needs this year were likely to climb to BFranc7,000m (£8.9m). Much of this would have to be met by foreign borrowings, and this would put further strains on Belgium's deteriorating balance of payments.

#### Shorter shifts at VW

Volkswagenwark the West cut back work for about a week.

#### S Korea jobless

South Korea's unemployment rate averaged 5.2 per cent in 1980, the second worst level since 1967, when it stood at 6.2 per cent, the national bureau of statistics said. The number of jobless was 749,000 for 1930, up from 542,000 in the previous year. previous year.

#### \$6,700m budget

China's budget deficit ex-ceeded \$6,700m (£3,004m) in 1980, the magazine Peking Review said. The Government's original estimate was for a defi-

#### Citröen lay-offs

Peugeot's subsidiary Automobiles Citröen said that it plans an average two days of lay-offs at all its factories in March, affecting about 30,000 of its 54,000 workforce.

Incomes Data Services looks at public and private organizations

### Defining changes in managers' pay

esearchers specializing in pay and conditions of employment, yesterday launched a new service for those needing to pinpoint changes in management pay which IDS describes as "a jumble of contradictory information ". .

The first monthly report from IDS's new Top Pay Unit attacks suggestions that directors' salaries have risen nearly 40 per cent—while also letting in some light on top people's salaries at the Post Office, the National Coal Board and 13 organizations in both cariners and subtle security. tions in both private and public sectors. Average annual salary increases for directors are probably less than 20 per cent in most cases, according to the review. It dismisses as "far from conclusive" an analysis in a BBC Money Programme suggesting that increases in chairmen's and chief executives' salaries had been

39.9 per cent.

The BBC's sample of 50 top companies was small and selective, argues the review. It was based on data from annual reports and reflected total remuneration, including bonus payments, rather than just

time lags, the aggregate levels reported in 1980 would have reflected rises in 1979 when pay was recovering from a period

of pay restraint.
Two more recent and extensive surveys suggested the IDS conclusion about the level of average salary increases. One—by Charterhouse reported a median increase

of 13.6 per cent.

But the review added: "Although good information is available on the levels of directors, pay, percentage intrease figures are frequently suspect. There are many critical variables determining salaries,

including types of directorship, the industry involved, profitability and especially the size of company.

The review's initial researches have thrown up more than 60 sources of surveys on salaries and benefits as well as information from government and as information from government and other public sector areas. The data has proved of astonishing diversity, much of it suspect and non-comparable and in need of qualification, according to Mr Mark Leyton the according to Mr Mark Layton, the review's managing editor who is also a director of IDS.

The review at first will be able to do only limited original research of its own, although analyses based on job advertising is a possibility. But a start has been ing is a possibility. But a start has been made on tracking changes in management salaries at individual companies on which there are reports. These showed that in a number of cases managers received salary increases in line with shop floor rises. It is too early yet to see a pattern on such trends, Mr Layton said. At the Post Office at the end of last year, for instance, the top management band had a 15.1 per cent rise compared with an arbitration award for other levels

with an arbitration award for other levels of between 20.6 per cent and 23.6 per cent. At the National Coal Board, however, managers received almost the same rises as the mineworkers after the January settlement. 9.73 per cent on salary scales and 132 per cent on bonus payments. But there had been downward pressure on management salaries previously, the review points out.

Top Pay Review, monthly by Incomes Data Services; 145 annual subscription.

Derek Harris

### coal supplies deal

Coal Board, Sir Derek Ezra, the National NCB chairman, said yesterday.

The CEGB has given a warning that it would end its agreement to take 75 million tonness the NCB annually over five years if it were effectively prevented from importing coal.

Its imports next year are expected to fall and some areas are expected to fall and some areas took unofficial action after the mouth to ease the effects of the recession. Its imports next year are expected to fall from 5! million tonnes to 3 million tonnes as a contract for deliveries from the United States ends, but the

CEGB is keen to maintain its contract for coal from Aus-But Sir Derek told the Coal Industry Society that he hoped that with the support of govern-

ment and the electricity authorities it would be possible to switch gradually from imports to home-produced supplies. Reduction of imports of

By Our Energy Correspondent
Talks aimed at reducing the is one of the main demands of the National Union of MineBoard's coal imports next year workers to reduce the financial have started with the National pressure on the coal industry

cession. This plan was withdrawn as

This plan was withdrawn as the Government indicated that it was prepared to ease the constraints on the industry imposed by cash limits and the 1980 Coal Act.

Sir Derek said yesterday that he was pleased the Government had recognized the need for a change in the board's financial have a create the conditions.

base to create the conditions for future expansion. With Government approval the board had set up a working party with the unions.

### CEGB threat to halt | MPs to question BL chief on cash plans

By Edward Townsend
Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of BL, is to appear before a Commons committee on Thursday to explain the company's financial plans. The hearing will take place two weeks ahead of the company's expected announcement of a \$2400m loss for 1980.

The all-party Industry and Trade Committee will question Sir Michael on BL's four-year tion, profits, the private sector in that the company would raise future finance from depreciation, profits, the private sector

Trade Committee will question Sir Michael on BL's four-year corporate plan which is being financed for the first two years with £990m of public money.

The BL board has said already that a further £150m will be needed to fund developments in 1983 and 1984 and MPs will want to know from Sir Michael whether he expects this sum to come from government or neiver sector sources. ment or private sector sources.

BL's results for 1980 are expected to be disclosed on March 20. The losses follow a deficit of £122.2m in 1979 and

tion, profits, the private sector and from collaboration deals with other motor companies. He considered that question relating to BL's management and future marketing plans should be addressed to Six

The chairman probably will tell MPs that the company's financial estimates for last year were disrupted by the continuing high sterling exchange rate, which had hit export sales, and by high interest rates. The latter are thought to have cost

### **Technology News**

### Europe protest over spacecraft cancellation

The European Space Agency (ESA) has protested strongly to the United States National Acro-nautics and Space Administra-tion (NASA) at the decision to cancel an American spacecraft which was to have formed part of a collaborative two-spacecraft

Planned launch date for the project, known as the International Solar Polar Mission (ISPM) was 1985. Cancellation of the satellite was attributed by NASA officials last week to severe spending cuts imposed on NASA in the preparation of the Reagan Administration's federal budget.

At a joint meeting, officials of the European agency protested that the cancellation, which was made without consultation, was a unilateral breach of the Memorandum of was planning to introduce short understanding between the two shifts at its transmission plant in Kassel, sometime in April. A spokesman said plans were to which requested full restoration. which requested full restoration of the programme to its original

level. Unilateral actions of this kind. ESA stressed, would be derimental to future space cooperation between Europe and the United States.
As a result of the cancella-

tion, European scientists from about 17 research institutes who were supplying experi-ments for the NASA spacecraft would be unable to fly them. opment of an emergency jet-The experiments were already cutting system for North Sea in an advanced stage of de-oil and gas production plat-The experiments were already in an advanced stage of development; more than half the total costs had been committed and so would be lost without corresponding scientific return. ESA's board of management resolved to take. "Immediate and strong action". This has included asking all ESA member stages to protest against the ber states to protest against the decision through their ambassadors in Washington, The agency is now awaiting the outcome of

this The second satellite in the project is being built by a Euro-



Cutting through 13mm steel plate with an abrasive-carrying water jet at Cranfield.

pean industrial consortium led is applying for this task has No ignition of the gas occurred by Dornler of West Germany, been developed with support during cutting with the abrasive The aim of the coordinated from the National Research water jet.

#### Steel cutting in emergencies.

Significant advances in waterlet cutting and cleaning tech-nology have been disclosed in the annual report of the British Hydromechanics Research Association (BHRA) at Cran-field. These include the devel-

This project is being carried out by BHRA for British Petroleum. The aim was to design a system which could be used to gain access to closed areas on platforms in an emer-gency, and which would also cut debris to assist in its re-

This steel-cuting system will form part of the standard equip-ment on board an emergency support vessel.
The technique which BHRA

flights is that the two craft Development Corporation. It would obtain complementary involves the mixing of cheap scientific information about the abrasives in a water let which can then be used to cut hard materials at pressures which are for Airbus not excessive.

Using this method, 13mm (about half an inch) thick mild steel plate has been cut at speeds greater than 100mm per minute, at a pressure of 690 bar. Tests have indicated that a 50 per cent increase in pressure should enable twice the thickness of material to be cut, assuming a fixed rate of

To reduce the risk of the abrasive particles generating sparks during the cutting process, the abrasive is supplied to the cutting head already thuroughly wented in the form of a slurry. The safe operation of the head has been checked in explosive atmospheres of hydrogen/air and methane/air in a recent series of trials.

As well as steel, these trials included cutting tests on a sandstone known to produce dangerous sparks when cut by conventional mechanical means.

### Carbon fibres

A demonstration Airbus Industrie A300 sircraft is now flying with a rudder made of carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP) in place of the standard light-alloy structure. Measuring over eight metres long and two metres wide, the new rudder is the largest single carbon-fibre element undergoing trials on the aircraft at present

Its weight-saving over the conventional metal radder is 45kg or about 20 per cent. Performance of the unit is being studied in a programme of flight tests, and a second composite rudder is expected to begin in service testing on a Luichansa A300 next month.

The use of such elements is part of a weight-saving programme on A310 and A300 airbus aircraft aimed at achieving a higher payload. Kenneth Owen

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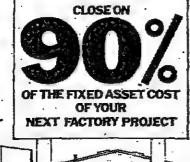
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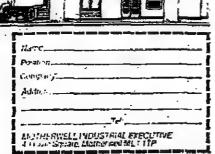
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### French-style loan plan urged for small firms

Sir Keith Joseph and other ministers have been asked to consider introducing the scheme as the major feature of its attempts to stimulate small business investment and growth. A number of other EEC countries are considering similar schemes and consideration of a similar venture Is being studied by the Reagan Administration in the United States.

The French scheme is designed to provide assistance to industrial and commercial companies whose annual turnover does not exceed 235m and which employ up to 500 work-ers. Loans are issued through Credit National with a minimum life of 15 years and a maximum

The scheme is directed especially at developing new products, markets, techniques and the provision of new jobs in areas of high memployment. The method used in France is The loan would constitute a consulative redeemable prefer-loan to rank after all other ence share and it would offer.

of .BSC (Industry) the corpor-

By Peter Hill

The Government is being urged to consider deploying a loan scheme directed at small businesses modelled on a highly successful scheme developed in France.

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French industrial areas.

Sir Charles has suggested to ministers that if the scheme was adopted in the United Kingdom it could be described as the subordinated loan scheme with loans being issued by the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies, out of their existing financial allocations.

tions.
Funding for the assisted areas of England would be made by another agency, possibly the National Enterprise

He said: The scheme would not require additional financial provision and it would not provision and it would not replace existing grant schemes. The subordinated loan is not intended as a subsidy but as a financial instrument in its own

loan to rank after all other ence share and it would offer.

Creditors, and thus place it some competition to banks and
alongside all other shareholders other City institutions in their a company.

There are repayment holidays ment in small companies.

of up to five years—and an Sir Charles has suggested that initially low interest rate.

Sir Charles Villiers, chairman should be restricted to develop-

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The affair of the Lloyd's Bill

Sir, The chairman of Lloyd's, meeting of the members in the Mr Peter Green has recently Albert Hall last November by Mr Peter Green, has recently written to all the underwriting members of Lloyd's seeking inter slia, to justify the inclusion of Clause 11 (the legal im-munity clause), in the Private Bill shortly to be considered by Parliament. I was a member of the Sasse

I was a member of the Sasse Syndicate No. 762 at Lloyd's. Mr Green has publicly admitted that "grave irregularities had occurred in the affairs of this syndicate", and hence the settlement made by Lloyd's. It has been put about in certain sections of the press that this settlement was some kind of rescue operation. It was a settlement, offered at the instigntion of Lloyd's, out of court. It was accepted by the names concerned, thus saving Lloyd's from the appalling embarrassment of the whole hasco coming out in open court. coming out in open court— which it would have done, no doubt causing irreparable dam-age to the good name of Lioyd's throughout the world. As part of the serriement over £6 million was left as "bad, underwriting", and this was readily accepted by the one hundred odd names on this

hundred odd names on this particular syndicate. None of us denied the principle of unlimited liability; what the litigants in the Sasse case were questioning was how much of a loss in excess of £21 million was there legal liability?

Albert Hall last November by some 99.57 per cent. What was agreed at that meeting, which I attended was the principle of a new Bill to give Lloyd's powers to better order its own affairs. The details of the Bill were not disclosed until some time. I do not believe that now

I do not believe that any future disgrantled name could ever sue the committee simply for had underwriting Lloyd's could only be sued if they had been in breach of their duties, been in breach of their numerical, ored to the name. If Lloyd's have behaved properly they have nothing to fear in the courts. On the courtary, they would be vindicated. Of course the position would be different if in fact they have behaved improperly. if in fact they have becaved improperly.

It seems to many of us that Lloyd's are now seeking to place themselves above the law. Should this come to pass, then I believe it would be prudent for every name to reconsider his or her own position most carefully with a view to deciding whether they wish to continue as under-

wish to continue as under-writing members of Lloyd's,— and it is, after all, a fact that without the financial backing of the external names, Lloyd's I am, etc. NAPIER & ETTRICK,

House of Lords. February 26.

Lloyd's are now putting From Mr David Charlesworth.

Forward the argument that the Sir, Further to your Business proposed new Bill was approved Diary profile of Lloyd's of

#### Gas bill complaints anomaly which enables it to be avoided by the installation of

From Mr Raymond J. Hill Sir. The British Union of Social Workers feels that the decision of the Gas Board to impose standing charges on the impose standing charges on the users of gas meters is yet another blow against the most vulnerable members of our society, and that this is another example of Government interference in the running of nationalized industries specifically designed to kill off those who are likely to make demands upon other services.

The imposition of this charge could mean the difference for the elderly on a fixed income.

the elderly on a fixed income between adequate heating and

death from hypothermia... We in the British Union of Social Workers feel that we must protest against this shortsighted action Yours faithfully.

RAYMOND J. HILL, General Secretary, Brirish Union of Social Workers, 5 Sydney Road, Haringey, London, NS. February 19. \_

From Mr J. W. Richards Sir, The "robbery" of the gas-standing charge referred to by your correspondents, and the

a coin meter; pules into insigni-ficance beside the extortion practised by the British Gas Corporation in applying their charges for carrain domestic I am one of a cooperative of six flat owners whose annual

gas bill is of the order of £2,000

gas bill is of the order of 22,000 a year.

One meter serves all flars and we share the bill.

Charges to us are made at the commercial rate of 26.1p per therm. A complaint to North Thames Gas that we should be charged at the domestic rate (24.5p for the first 52 therms and 21.2p thereafter) elicited this renty. this reply the British Gas Corpora-

tion specify that the gas-applied under the Domestic amplied under the Damestic Credit Tariff may be used only in a private residence not subdivided into separately occupied parts, and your premises do not qualify for this tariff.

A formal request to the chairman of the British Gas Corporation for in explanation of this traitional and injunitous ruling.

#### Looking back in amazement

From Mr R. Williams Sir, The debate continues on consumption and passing on the how the revenues from North inches to the inhabitants Sea oil should be spant to the best advantage-let us hope that a sensible and acceptable

solution is soon reached. Meanwhile, I suggest that posterity will look back on this period in our history with amazement and disbelief disbelief that the Government have failed to utilize this fautastic piece of good forume for the benefit of our own people and

our industry, by accepting a lower level of taxotion on oil February 16.

irrational and iniquitous rulingremains unanswered. J. W. RICHARDS.

and gas for United Kingdom

Pinetrees, North Road West,

London, I write as an ordinary non-working "external" member to record some statistics that might put some current matters in perspective.

The proposal to present the Bill to Parliament, following the Fisher report, was approved at an extraordinary general meeting of all members by 13.219 votes for and 57 against.

The association of which

The association of Lady Middleton is chairman represents only some 200 ex-ternal members, three-quarters of which presumably voted for the Bill in its original form. The the Bill in its original form. The majority of the active members of her committee are new members of her committee are new members of Lloyd's—in fact the secretary only started underwriting last month. Lloyd's accounts are held open for three years to meet claims, and there is a further delay whilst payments are made and tax matters dealt with—it is therefore five years after election that a member has seen a complete cycle of events.

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That Parliament is supreme is surely accepted by all at Lloyd's, but MPs should note that the so-called body representing external names has only a membership of 1 per cent of such names, and that 99.7 per cent of all members voted for the Bill and that the overwhelming majority of all members support the present chairman of Lloyd's. Mr Perer Green, and his council.

I remain, Sir, recovery

remain, Sir. AVID CHARLESWORTH. 4 Shaftesbury Mews, Stratford Road, London, W8 6QR.

#### Barclays procedures

Sir Mr Ellis's experience is probably not unusual. Only a few days ago I entered a branch of Barclays Bank to make a substantial withdrawal from Barclaycard. I expected the branch to telephone for authorization, Almost before, I had signed the voucher, however, I was asked by the cashier for supporting identification. I declined, stating that the card and my signature were quite sufficient After a few minutes on the phone to Barclaycard Centre, the cashier returned requesting my address and other information. Reluctantly I produced a current driving licence, which was taken away to the telephone. The cashier came back again and asked me what address the ceatre had on their records, as if the evidence of the driving licence were in-sufficient.

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I formed the distinct impression that had I refused to provide answers to this interrogation the transaction would not have been authorized not-withstanding availability within my credit limit. I advised the cashier that it was monstrous and an affront to my integrity, and proceeded to telephone Barclaycard myself. A superprices to the inhabitants of these islands, as the Americans not known in the branch. I have done for decades.

Not only would we now be enjoying a chasiderably lower level of inflation, but our industry would be in much better shape, and much more competitive as a result of lower costs and lower prices.

Yours faithfully, the lower relieved with a transaction of the procedure. I believe that any self-respecting fraudster would not be deterred by this "routine" procedure. I believe also that had I gone to several branches with a transaction of, say, 125 at each I could possibly have achieved my aim, maybe even without telephoned and the procedure. visor indicated that this was a RICHARD G. HUNT,

Bromley, Kent, BR2 0PL

#### Wealth and unity From Mr. B. Barker

Sir, This institute is a good example of the professional instiample of the protessional insti-tutions to which the chairman, Southern Electricity, referred (February 20) in his appeal for a closer understanding between the public and private sectors of the economy based on their interdependence.

interdependence.
Seventy per cent of chartered secretaries work in the private sector and thirty per cent in the public. At our branch meetings and conferences the health service administrator rubs shoulders with the company secretary and the electricity board administrator with his opposite number in the industrial company which is his customer. This is one of the many advantages of being professionally qualified.

In 1980 our qualification was recognized in the Companies Act as being appropriate for the secretary of a public limited company; in 1981 we are being recognized as providing the appropriate qualification for administration in local government. ings and conferences the health

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We firmly support Mr Wedg-wood in his view that bridges need to be built and maintained between the sectors. Why should we be so concerned about ownership? What matters is cost effective perfor mance leading to the creation of wealth and jobs. Envious sniping of one at the other can only distract and damage,

At any rate, chartered secre taries are the same wherever they are employed—and so are other professional people. We accept the sims which hir Wedgwood has described and the responsibility which follows from that acceptance.

Yours faithfully, B. BARKER Secretary and Chief Executive, 16 Park Crescent, London, Wilk.

#### THE UNITED STATES AND GENERAL TRUST CORPORATION, LIMITED

The Ninety-first Annual General Meeting of the United States and General Trust Corporation Limited will be held on March 26th in London.

The following is comment by the Chairman, Mr. C. K. R. Nunneley, included in the Report of the Directors which has been circulated to shareholders:

The retriement of Bill Merton on 31st December, 1980, after four years as Chairman, leaves a gap which will indeed be difficult to fill. His knowledge, charm and courtesy have been of the greatest value to his colleagues and we will all miss him very much.

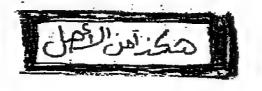
miss him very much.

His final year was a profitable one for the company's shareholders—remarkably so in the circumstances of the world economy. Against a background of deepening recession, worsening unemployment, spiralling interest rates and high inflation, investors appear to have decided that equity investment offered the best hope of maintaining real value. Among the stockmarkets of any size, only that of Belgium failed to show a positive overall return in local currency terms. For a UK investor, however, the strength of sterling reduced returns from all overseas markets except Japan and, in particular, made investment in Continental Europe generally unattractive. In these curremstances your Roard have

particular, made investment in Continental Europe generally unattractive. In these circumstances your Board have continued to invest the bulk of the company's assets in the UK and the rise of 32.9 per cent in net asset value per share compared favourably with the major indices: the Fractuaries All Share Index rose by 27.1 per cent, while the Standard and Poor's Composite Index in the USA and the Tokyo New Stock Exchange Index in Japan each rose by 17.0 per cent in sterling returns. per cent in sterling terms. The decision by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to exempt investment trust companies wholly from corporation tax on capital gains from 1st April 1980, was welcome. By encouraging more active investment policies, and by making the shares more attractive to tar-free institutions, it has been one of the forces behind the reduction of the average discount on investment trust asset values from 33 oer cent to 25 per

cent during 1980; this improvement was reflected in the price of the Company's ordinary shares. Growth of income has been better than expected. Excluding from the 1979 figures the large non-recurring dividends which were passed on to shareholders as a special payment of 1.58p per share in November, 1979, net revenue available for ordinary, shareholders rose by almost 19 per cent in 1980. This enables your Board to recommend a final dividend of 6.50p per share, making 10.5p for the year, which is slightly greater than the total amount of 10.29p per share received by greater than the total amount of 10,29p per share received by shareholders in 1979, including the special payment, and an increase of 22 per cent in the normal dividend.

The prospects for an increased income in 1981 cannot be said to be encouraging, particularly in the UK, and any change in our investment policy aimed at raising the overseas percentage of the portfolio could reduce the overall yield. However, your Board see no reason at present why the current dividend should not be maintained.



## Can Fisons shape its own destiny?

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Fisons' old strategy of using the fertilizer and scientific equipment divisions as cash generators for pharmaceutical and agrochemical expansion is in tatter... Not for the first time in the past fifteen years the group is groping for a new corporate direction. Even the agrochemical link-up with Boots smacks of mortgaging the heavy research and development spending here.

In its present struitened circumstances Fisons is having to take a much closer look at itself. It is now trying its damnedest to convince the City that outside the tripartite evils of sterling, interest rates and the recession, which have undoubtedly dogged It over the past two years, it can still do something to shape its own destiny.

So the emphasis is being put on the recovery programme, moves away from the high break-even commodity cycle into higher margin speciality products, joint ventures in horticulture and rationalization in fertilizers. Even in pharmaceuticals Fisons is now pointing to the inherent growth prospects for Intal after the shock of the recent loss of its promising new Proxicromil

Fisons was also doing its level best vesterday to put a brave face on the much worse than expected collapse in pretax profits with the £1.5m second half loss pulling them down from £17.3m to a meagre £3.8m.

After their recent vertiginous fall, the shares-a thin and difficult market at the best of times-gained 12p to 140p on relief that the company's heart is still beating, that the final dividend has been only cut from 13.7p to 4.4p gross and not passed altogether and the vague takeover rumours, although few can see what a bidder would now find attractive.

Apart from pharmaceuticals, where trading profits were almost level pegging despite a £2m currency loss and squeezed margins, all divisions had a terrible second half. Tough competition also hit agrochemicals although the speciality products like Nortron fared better.

The £4m turnround to trading losses of £1.1m explains the urgent surgery taken in fertilizers although as in horticulture its problems were exacerbated by the absence of the usual seasonal pick up in demand as high interest rates hurt farmers and distributors.

And in scientific equipment the cutback in public spending meant an even worse second than first half. The upshot was a 31 per cent fall in trading profits to £16.4m and with the unusual debt profile almost doubling interest charges to £12.6m, higher tax as profits overseas could not be offset and £11.8m of extraordinaries from the fertilizer closures the attributable loss was a thumping £16.8m, and the current cost pretax loss around £12m.

All the same Fisons still seems remarkably relaxed about its balance sheet with last year's cash outflow, thanks to the £8m or so from Boots and tight control of working

capital, only £2.6m.

At this stage it is impossible to say how searing will look since it is not known how the agrochemicals business, with its hefty debt burden, will be treated in the balance sheet. The cash outflow from the redundancies will be another £8m this year but the group seems confident this will be offset by operating savings. Cash conservation will hamper Fisons for at least the next year and in the meantime a 9.3 per cent yield is not enough to outweigh all the uncertainties.

#### Royal Insurance

#### **Eetter than** forecast

Reating its December rights issue forecast Royal Insurance has turned in full-year pretax profits down less than 7 per cent to £122.5m. That compares favourably with the 25 per cent setback reported by Commercial Union last week and reflects Royal's more cautious stance in the face of increasing But after a fourth quarter in which profits

plunged almost 25 per cent to just over £30m, Royal is still staring into an under-writing abyss in most territories. Losses widened from £15m to £24m in Canada and from £4m to £8,5m in Australia to outstrip investment income in both those territories. And as in the United States where Royal has fared better than average with an underwriting deficit almost doubling to £16m on a relatively low operating ratio of 102.4 per cent, the group sees only worsening conditions for the majority of the

current year.
All of which, at first glance, bolds out little hope of better things to come for loyal shareholders who stumped up £116m for new capital in December to enable Royal to get back on an expansionary tack after several years of virtually static premium

But Royal with the new cash tucked away in short and medium-dated gilts and a solvency ratio up 15] points at 62.5 per cent - partly as a result of its hitherto cautious stance on new husiness-is taking a noticeably cautious line on expansion.

The knowledge that Royal is not going to do enything rash in its attempts to rebuild market share might perversely put it in the van of any further composite rally on hopes of a significant underwriting recovery in 1982. With cash in the bank Royal can clearly choose when to attack if it sniffs

The worry of course is that recovery could still be many moons away particularly in the United States where a buoyant equity market is keeping the competition

Roosted by the rights funds and a stronger dollar Royal could push profits up to between £125m and £130m this time but this would leave little scope for a further significant dividend increase. Last time's 11.6 per cent increase leaves the payment under twice covered, and the shares unchanged at 388p to yield 8.8 per cent are well up with recovery hopes.

#### Special steel

#### Another

casualty

Steel-making in Sheffield has been declining for years, and inevitably the recession has speeded up the process.

Johnson & Firth Brown and Aurora have recently announced large cutbacks; Neepsend seems likely to withdraw completely from steel melting and re-rolling.

Unfortunately it expanded its steel activities in the late 1970s and has apparently subsidized this side of the business for time from its more profitable activities.

Some of Neepsend's plant was none too modern and it has looked increasingly out on a limb ever since Aurora emerged as the dominant force in high speed and tool steels -a fiercely competitive sector anyway be-cause of the incessant flow of low-cost imports which have steadily taken a larger share of the United Kingdom's market.

Neepsend's steel activities are the main culprits behind the turnround from pretax profits of £810,000 to losses of £1.66m in the six months to September 30- the result of high fixed overheads combined with the dramatic loss of volume which is indicated by the one-third drop in group sales to

£11.7m. Withdrawal from steel-making would leave Neepsend free to concentrate on more profitable activities such as ferro-alloysalthough the drop in molybdenum prices has probably meant poorer results here, too-and its castings and toolmaking activities.

@ With dollar interest rates turning firmer, rartly on disappointment with last weeks US money supply figures, the US currency had a good day on foreign exchanges yes-

In part, it was the dollar's general strength that lay behind the further fall in sterling—down to \$2.1655 at one stage. But that was not, of course, the whole explanation: sterling continues to have a large question-mark hanging over it ahead of the

Meanwhile, the shortage in the discount markets was estimated in some quarters to have topped £1,000m, largely reflecting the payment of Petroleum Revenue Tax. For only the second time since last November's change of approach in money market tactics, the Bank of England found itself relieving the shortage by means other than buving in paper.

Very large sums of money were lent to the houses at MLR for periods of seven and eight days. The temporary reduction in the banks' minimum reserve asset ratio clearly prevented a total seizure in the interbank market. Even so, the overnight rate still touched 50 per cent at one point and one-weck money was trading above 17 per

#### Hugh Stephenson

### Straight into a brick wall again

All governments have bad patches during each Parliament, usually some-where about mid-term. If there was at present any kind of coherent Opposition, this Government's present bad

putch would be very had indeed.

As it is, it will take an uncharacteristically rousing performance by the Chancellor in his Budget speech next Tuesday to convince the nation that all s well and that we are still firmly on the track of a coherent medium-term financial strategy. The question, however, that presses

forward and gets no convincing answer is how can it be that what has come to pass is a surprise to the Government. After all, all the main elements could have been and indeed were predicted by those outside the corridors of power. This is not the usual game of being wise after the event. There is sufficient chapter and verse of published material and forecasts to sustain the charge.

Item: the argument, in favour of reducing the previous swingeing marginal rates of personal income tax were overwhelmingly strong, but how could

anyone actually believe that the cuts made in the 1979 Budget would have a

measurable effect on the productivity

and growth rate of the British economy within the short time-scale of a year or

Item: how could anybody have based a central part of the Budget and public spending plans on the assumption that nationalized industries as a whole could be moved from deficit into surplus by a financing improvement of £2,300m between 1980 and 1983, when it is clear that the capital investment programmes of so many of the nationalized industries Seed to rise?

Item: how was it possible to accept commitments to higher pay for the armed forces, the police and the fire-men and accent the vorkings of the Clegg commission in principle without realizing that there would be a public sector pay explosion in the figures that emerged during 1980?

Item; how was it possible that anyone tem; how was it possible that anyone could convince themselves that in the context of a complex and sophisticated economy and financial system, all would come right with a lag of, say, eighteen months to two years simply by locking the economy on to a single auto-pilot called sterling M3?

Item; in the light of 20 years of experience with the present system of

experience with the present system of

public expenditure control and after four years of continual public spending reduction exercises, how could anyone believe that it was only a matter of political will to reduce the inherent upward pressures for more spending, especially in an administration that was committed to substantial real increases from the start for the armed

rces and for law and order services? The catalogue above is depressing precisely because when Mrs Thatcher came to No 10, whatever one might have thought of particular elements of her policy, she held out the promise that site was going to break and then reverse the defeated and defeatist trend of British public affairs throughout the postwar period.

With the miners, British Leyland, British Steel, a 6 per cent pay norm for the public sector, public spending still rising, the borrowing requirement running 60 pay cent above forecast, and unemployment rising faster than inflation is coming down, the script at mid-term has an uncomfortably familiar

In looking for an answer to the question why this Government, like all others before it, appears genuinely

surprised when they into a well marked brick wal, one into a well uncomfortable conclusion to the fault must lie somewhere that the heart of our system of government

Whatever the good intenta ns to incoming government, once power the machine smothers any attent to generate strategic thinking. It no part of the official machine's function to say: "Look, we know you are che. mitted to Clegg, but unless you get of of it now you will have real trouble in a year's time". That is a political func-tion that must be exercised close to the Prime Minister. Equally, a strategic political plan for

government needs to recognize that the really difficult problems are multi-dimensional and cannot by their nature be solved by one-dimensional solutions.

Again this is not a function that can be performed by a busy departmental minister, or even by a Prime Minister no matter how phenomenally industriates the performance of the perfor ous, Every government needs its senior Minister for Avoiding Susic Mistakes. This one seems to need it more than

### Will the Budget bring a new redundancy deal?

to rise to three million by the end of the year, like it or not. redundancy is a subject with which more and more of us will have to come to terms. But wait until after the Budget before mugging up on the arcane and complicated rules which govern golden handshakes.

It is widely expected, and hoped, that Sir Geoffrey will announce alterations to the tax treatment of redundancy pay-ment which will eliminate not only the complexity but also the artificiality of the present sys-tem. Under the present rules the timing of the handshake is almost more important than the

money itself. How many people faced with the prospect of claiming more than £10,000 for loss of office are aware that under the law as It now stands, it is vitally important to have that cheque before the end of the tax year? To retain the same tax advantages on post-April 6 payments the newly redundant would have to consider remaining out of work for the rest of the fiscal year 1981-82.

For any government which is committed to the idea of job mobility, this consequence is as wrong as it is absurd. In August 1979 the Inland Revenue issued a consultative document Payments on termination of with all the shifts and turns employment. The Revenue's that employees facing redundown recommendations have broadly met with approval from of their redundancy classified tax consultants who specialize as loss of office and the other in this field.

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Other income

Total Income Less married man's

Taxable income

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Tax at 30% -

One sixth

**TOP-SLICING RELIEF AND TIMING** 

Termination—March

2,000

2,000

2,145

Gross redundancy pay

Taxable sum

can distort the tax picture on any new income received that

Margaret Stone

year.

The other problem is that the original dividing line between compensation for loss of office and ex gratia payments (which are taxed in a different way) has become blurred and a fallow ground for tax avoidance tactics. The need for ex gratia payments, originally designed for those nearing retirement without adequate pension enwithout adequate pension ex-titlement, is fading.

With a conventional compensation for loss of office payment, the first \$10,000 is not subject to tax; with an ex gratia payment, the tongue-twisting standard capital superannuarion benefit (SCSB) can come into play to provide the outgoing employee with a tax free lump

sum in excess of £10,000.

(The SCSB is based on the last three years' salary, divided by 20, but minus any cash commutation benefit—which can be a much as 11 times salary-from the company pension

scheme.)
The Revenue believes that there is no good reason for maintaining this distinction, with all the shifts and turns

The existing arrangements But if the distinction is with-suffer from two important drawn it puts an even greater defects. The first is the "top- paus on the Revenue to do something about the £10,000 tax designed to prevent an indivi- free threshold. Although the dual paying tax at excessively consultative document did not high marginal rates on the stembo what a new threshold exceptional amount of income could be, it is clear from the received in redundancy year, paper that a substantial in-

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crease in the £10,000 level coupled wih a new method of taxing the outstanding balance would remove most of the infiguities of the present arrange-

Tax-slicing relief on the balance over £10,000 divides the redundancy payment by six; tax is calculated on this sum-plus any income received subsequently, be it investment income from redundancy proceeds or earnings from a new job; the tax due is then multi-plied by six. Little or no tax will be paid on redundancy payments up to £22,000—pro-vided that another job is not taken during the remainder of the tax year.

Ironically, people with much bigger handshakes and good tax advisers may at present be better off than the avere steelworker. For there little doubt that taxation of golden handshakes is, in some circles, regarded (like the old estate duty) as a voluntary tax. A man with a £40,000 payoff will, with top-slicing, pay very little tax on the balance £30,000 once his married man's allowance, mortgage in-

terest relief, trading losses, leasing arrangements or firstyear allowances on a new business have been deducted to arrive at a redundancy sum which is actually subject to Jax. So the most likely outcome

in the Budget is hat the threshold will be raised to either £15,000 or optimistically £20,000 and that instead of top-slicing, half the balance will be subject to tax, regard-£15,000 less of years of service. Addi-1500, could be added to the threshold for each year of ser-

Such a system would be simpler for everyone, taxmen included, to understand; by making timing irrelevant, it would prevent the unsuspecting from falling into the second from falling into the second job trap; and it would reduce the scope for tax svoidance. Once over the threshold everyone would have to pay some tax on their redupdancy payments, but on extra income received that financial year tax would no longer have to be paid at the rate of 180 per cent.

### A testing time for shareholders

A long list of blue chip com-panies—large industrial groups which have become stock narket institutions—have now cut their dividends, starting with Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds last November and con-tinuing through Courtaulds and Metal Box to Fisons, Profits have either plunged or given way to losses. ICI was only the latest to report a cut dividend last Thursday.

The next few months will test the nerves of many share-holders, both institutional and private, as the company reportprivate, as the company reporting season gets into its stride. There is a danger that the damage they will report will give the public an impression of industry reeling rather than recovering. That impression would be wrong. It should be remembered that the companies will be removing an morning the string that the companies will be removing an morning that the companies will be removing an morning that the companies are string to the companies of the companies are string to will be reporting on months already past. It is their ability to profit from the future that will count.

The industrial sample used by stockbrokers Phillips & Drew shows that business was still working flat out in the first three months of last year and profits actually rose by 8 per

In the second quarter they slipped by 14 per cent. But in the final three months of last year the annual rate of decline had reached 49 per cent. The year on year decline was 20 per cent.

Naturally this sequence becomes more scrappy as it becomes more recent. Many industrial companies have still to report on their final quarter. But the trend is clear. As the broker points out, turnover last year probably rose by 10 per cent. If so, the average pre-tax margin in 1980 narrowed from 7 per cent to 5 per cent.

of vanishing altogether if trade gets only a little worse, but by the same token they could jump just as strongly if things got

But wost companies did manage to make profits last year. Imperial Chemical Industries is not a typical industrial group. It is far larger and more diversified than any other chemical concern in the country—companies like Fisons, Laporte and BOC International are specialists by comparison— and the profits of chemical companies swing more wildly than those of industry in

Even so some general themes stand out. Industry worked flat out as last year began but after that the drop in demand was steep which forced manufac-turers and distributors to unload stocks to preserve cash positions. Acuirding to broker de Zocte

Acciding to broker de Zoeie & Beva, the fall in stocks reflected nearly three-fifths of the downturn in gross domestic product in the first half year. As it happened stocks were exceptionally high in 1979 when industry deliberately built them up to get tax relief. before running them down again. So it was brutal when it came. High interest rates made matters worse.

There are several reasons why company profits should grow this year. If minimum lending rate falls to 11 per cent, interest charges should drop by one third. If, as seems likely, companies wrote off their re-organization and redundancy costs last year profits this year will cataput by their simple

So far industry has shed one in nine workers during the recession. Assuming a cut in labour force of one tenth, Phillips & Drew calculate that "with wage costs about 30 per cent of sales and the average pretax margin in the United Kingdom probably less than 5 per cent, a cutback of this size increases pretax profits by more than 60 per cent".

Exactly when economic activity will start to revive will depend as much as anything on when industry is cofident enough to rebuild stocks. Stockbroker Wood, Mackenzie sees destocking tailing away this year and restocking getting under way next; de Zoete & Bevan expects stock building to start again shortly.

The Budget is to come which may cut industrial costs directly through a reduction in national insurance contributions, as well as indirectly through a cut in MLR. And a fall in the pound

MLR. And a fall in the pound makes exporting and overseas earnings more profitable.

With inflation still slowing down for several months companies will this year be well placed to restore inflation adjusted as well as historic or "money" profits. The outlook, then, is for recovery this year and quite possibly a boom in 1932 which is why the stock market is ignoring the worst pounding profits have taken since the end of the last war.

Peter Wainwright

### Business Diary: Hearth and home • Lydian mode

Anybody want some fire-blackened bricks which, put back together, could be described as the fireplace in which started the Great Fire of

This is an offer from Rodney Leach, the general manager of Trade Development Bank, due to move from its present City premises in Aldermanbury to a new offices being built in Pud-ding Lane close by the Monument which commemorates the Great Pire.

Pudding Lane is where the Great Fire is thought to have started in 1666. Leach, who both read and taught classics at Oxford, provided not only the permission, but with the City Corporation the funds for the Monument site to be excavated by the Museum of

The problem is that the Tuseum is already check-ablock with treasures from the whose Roman, Saxon, Medioval and other finds have been described by dis super-tion Gustaf Milne as "a rich archaeological . sequence unbaralleled on any other London

Leach, classicist though he is wonders whether as a benker it might be a bit much to recrect in TDB's foyer a dis-play which implies Your play which implies "Your whole investment could go up

rectory boasting the name gives the public a much better thenix".

For the first time a woman has been appointed to the board of one of Hongkong's leading Hongs (leading business firms) -the Swire Group. She is Ludia Dunn (right), who last year was also the first woman to be appointed to the council of the British-founded

Trade Policy Research Centre. Miss Dunn is the daughter of a former tea merchant in China who became a printer and trader in Hongkone. She is already managing director of Swire and Maclaine and a director of John Swire-both members of the Swire Group. She graduated with a degree in business administration from the University of California, Berkeley in 1963.

She set a precedent in 1970 when she was the first woman and the youngest person to become export menager of Swire and Maclaine, the tracing arm of the purent

Carrefour Hypermarkets Three weeks this Sunday a Unaccustomed though it is to claims to have found the Office British Airways Super VC-10 is public jocularity, the Japanese British Airways Super VC-10 is public jocularity, the Japanese of Fair Trading being unfair due to touch down at Heathrow both to traders and to the from Dar-es-Salaam, Kilimanpublic. The nub of the com-plaint is that in a recent leaflet

interest free credit schemes which Carrefour, among others, operates.

The OFT leaflet attempted to Business Diary, however, The OFT leater attempted to a system and TDB should say explain the various forms of credit available and to help consumers compare their cost. the Monument site, and let the bank does It described bank credit cards book by BA computerbod but on the 28 firms in the landon commercial telephone four says its interest free credit by way of 10th floor, TBC,

entitled There's more to credit

than just HP, the OFT ignored



The Trade Policy Research Centre sought her out after an attack on developed countries for restricting imports from Hongkong and other developing countries which she made at the International Conference on Trade in Textiles and Mrs. I Cluthing in Brussels last May, kong of Miss Dunn is the centre's first ment,

So what, I hear you say. . So

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The VC-10s, well known to

way of 10th floor, TBC,

jaro and Larnaca.

As a member of the financial committee of the Legislative Council which governs Hong-kong, she is known for her vigorous opinions, particularly that there should be "less" rather than more government.
"Civil servants are efficient
administrators within the constraints of the public service and they develop a knack of minimizing the influence of those constraints or avoiding

Asian as well as firt woman

them", she has argued.
"But when they have to manage enterprises on a com-mercial basis they are caught between civil service reguletions and attitudes on the one hand and the dictates of business principles on the other." The result is often unsatisfac-

Not surprisingly, she is often referred to as Hongknag's Mrs Thatcher", which, in Hongkong at least, remains a compli-

laugh ar recent figures from the International Labour Orga-The ILO, a United Nations this, I tell you, is the last body, has found in a recent scheduled flight of the 29 years that the Japanese now work fewer hours than United Kingdom workers who are always compleining about

government is having a discreet

nese workaholics. In 1979, the ILO found, and Japan applauds, Japanese workers put in average of 40.7 hours a week, three hours and 20 minutes less than the Brits

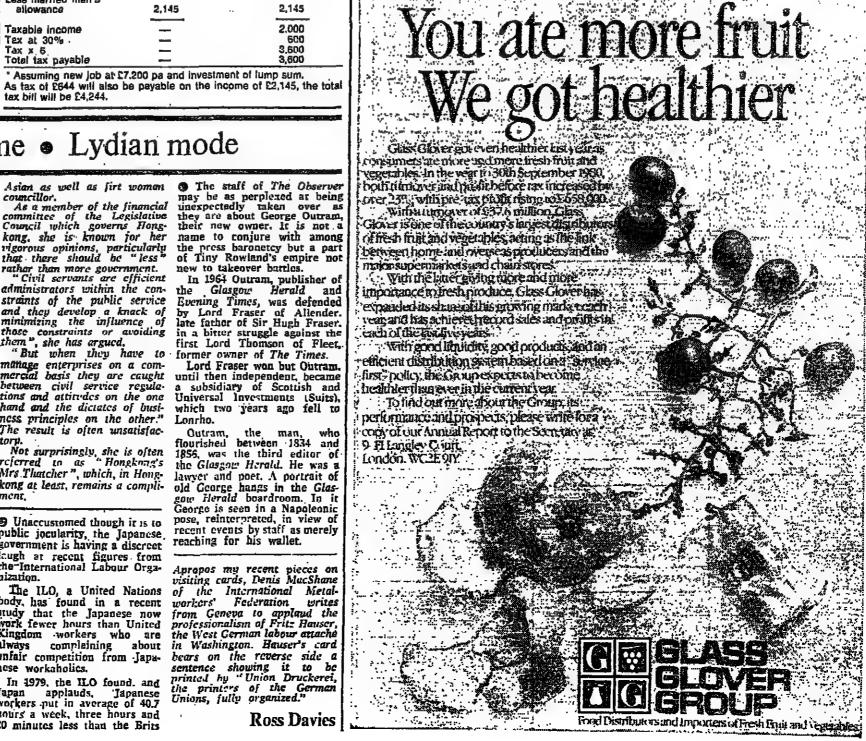
may be as perpleted at being unexpectedly taken over as they are about George Outram, their new owner. It is not a name to conjure with among the press baronetcy but a part of Tiny Rowland's empire not new to takeover battles. In 1964 Outram, publisher of the Glasgow Herald and

Evening Times, was defended by Lord Fraser of Allender. late father of Sir Hugh Fraser. in a bitter struggle against the first Lord Thomson of Fleet, former owner of The Times. Lord Fraser won but Outram until then independent, became a subsidiary of Scottish and Universal Investments (Suits), which two years ago fell to Lonrho.

Outram, the man, who flourished between 1834 and 1855, was the third editor of the Glasgow Herald. He was a lawyer and poet. A portrait of old George hangs in the Glas-gow Herald boardroom. In it George is seen in a Napoleonic pose, reinterpreted, in view of recent events by staff as merely reaching for his wallet.

Apropos my recent pieces on visiting cards, Denis MucShane of the International Metalworkers' Federation writes from Geneva to applaud the professionalism of Fritz Hauser, the West German labour attache in Washington. Hauser's card unfair competition from Japa- bears on the reverse side a sentence showing it to be printed by "Union Druckerei, the printers of the German Unions, fully organized."

Ross Davies



via Hongkong.

Reexports to China rose from HK\$1,310m in 1979 to HK\$4,640m (an increase of 253 per cent) and its own exports via Hangkong from HK\$5,660m to HK\$8,390m, a 48 per cent

increase.
The boom is a further indication of the importance of Hong-kong to China and enhances growing cooperation to mutual advantage between China and its former "colonial" neighbour.

US car sales

With showrooms brimming with unsold cars, United States manufacturers are cutting their first quarter production schedules again in an attempt to reduce stocks. Hopes are that soventories will be reduced to a point that even if sales nose-dive after new rebates pro-grammes end in mid-March, dealers will have room for cars assembled in March.

Swiss liquidity

Following the Swiss National Bank's latest discount and Lombard rate increases, banking liquidity in Switzerland rose strongly towards the end of February, and banking industry sources said the approach of the monthly settlement date appeared to outweigh other factors in influencing the

Syria trade expands

Despite strong relations with the Soviet Union, Syria has been expanding its economic ties with the West. Dozens of European companies are involved in projects in Syria, and officials there are hoping that the relume of trade with that the volume of trade with the west will continue to expand.

Belgian deficit

M Marc Eyskens, Belgian finance minister, said that the public sector's financing needs this year were likely to climb to BFranc7,000m (£8.9m). Much of this would have to be met by foreign borrowings, and this would put further strains on Belgium's deteriorating balance of payments.

Shorter shifts at VW

Volkswagenwerk the West German car maker, said that it was planning to introduce short shifts at its transmission plant in Kassel, sometime in April. A spokesman said plans were to cut back work for about a week.

S Korea jobless

South Korea's unemployment rate averaged 5.2 per cent in 1980, the second worst level since 1967, when it stood at 6.2 per cent, the national bureau of statistics said. The number of jobless was 749,000 for 1980, up from 542,000 in the previous year. previous year.

\$6,700m budget

China's budget deficit ex-ceeded \$6,700m (£3,004m) in 1980, the magazine Peking Review said. The Government's original estimate was for a defi-cit of \$5,300m.

Citröen lay-offs

Peugeot's subsidiary Auto-mobiles Citroen said that it plans an average two days of lay-offs at all its factories in March, affecting about 30,000 of its 54,000 workforce.

Incomes Data Services looks at public and private organizations

Defining changes in managers' pay

researchers specializing in pay and conditions of employment, yesterday launched a new service for those needing to pinpoint changes in management pay which IDS describes as "a jumble of contradictory information ".

contradictory information. The first monthly report from IDS's new Top Pay Unit attacks suggestions that directors' salaries have risen nearly 40 per cent—while also letting in some light on top people's salaries at the Post Office, the National Coal Board and 13 organizations in both private and public sectors. Average annual salary increases for directors are probably less than 20 per cent in most cases, according to the review. cent in most cases, according to the review. It dismisses as "far from conclusive" an analysis in a BBC Money Programme suggesting that increases in chairmen's and chief executives' salaries had been

The BBC's sample of 50 top companies was small and selective, argues the review. It was based on data from annual reports and reflected total remuneration, including bonus payments, rather than just

time lags, the aggregate levels reported in 1980 would have reflected rises in 1979

when pay was recovering from a period of pay restraint.

Two more recent and extensive surveys suggested the IDS conclusion about the level of average salary increases. One—by Charterbouse—reported a median increase of 136 new cert. 13.6 per cent.

chartenbouse—reported a median increase of 13.6 per cent.

But the review added: "Akhough good information is available on the levels of directors' pay, percentage increase figures are frequently suspect." There are many critical variables determining salaries, including types of directorsisp, the industry involved, profitability and especially the size of company.

The review's initial researches have thrown up more than 60 sources of surveys on salaries and benefits as well as information from government and other public sector areas. The data has proved of assumishing diversity, much of it suspect and non-comparable and in need of qualification, according to Mr Mark Layton, the review's managing editor who is also a director of IDS.

only limited original research of its own, although analyses based on job advertising is a possibility. But a start has been made on tracking changes in management salaries at individual companies on salaries at individual companies on which there are reports. These showed that in a number of cases managers received salary increases in line with shop floor rises. It is too early yet to see a pattern on such trends, Mr Layton said. At the Post Office at the end of last year, for instance, the top management band had a 15.1 per cent rise compared with an arbitration award for other levels of between 20.6 per cent and 23.6 per cent. At the National Coal Board, however, managers received almost the same rises as the mineworkers after the January

as the mineworkers after the January settlement—9.73 per cent on salary stales and 13.2 per cent on bonus payments. But there had been downward pressure on management salaries previously, the review points out.

Top Pay Review, monthly by Incomes Data

rvices; £45 annual subscription.

Derek Harris

### **CEGB** threat to halt coal supplies deal

By Our Energy Correspondent Talks aimed at reducing the Central Electricity Generating Board's coal imports next year have started with the National Coal Board, Sir Derek Esta, the NCB chairman, said yesterday. The CEGB has given a warning that it would end its agreement to take 75 million tonnes from the NCB annually over-five years if it were effectively prevented from importing coal.

Its imports next year are expected to fall from 5½ million tonnes to 3½ million tonnes as a contract for deliveries from the United States ends, but the CEGB is keen to maintain its

But Sir Derek told the Coal Industry Society that he hoped that with the support of govern-ment and the electricity authorities it would be possible to switch gradually from imports to home-produced supplies. Reduction of imports of party with the unions.

nearly 8 million tonnes in total is one of the main demands of the National Union of Mineworkers to reduce the financial pressure on the coal industry and to prevent a programme of accelerated pit closures. Miners threatened to call a

strike ballor and some areas took unofficial action after the coal board introduced a pro-gramme of 23 pit closures last month to ease the effects of the recession.

This plan was withdrawn as the Government indicated that the con-

the Government indicated that it was prepared to ease the constraints on the industry imposed by cash limits and the 1980 Coal Act.

Sir Derek said yesterday that he was pleased the Government had recognized the need for a change in the board's financial have to create the conditions. base to create the conditions

for future expansion. With Government approval the board had set up a working

### MPs to question BL chief on cash plans

By Edward Townsend Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of BL, is to appear before a Commons committee on a Commons committee on Thursday to explain the com-pany's financial plans. The hearing will take place two weeks ahead of the company's expected announcement of a

expected announcement of a f400m loss for 1980.

The all-party Industry and Trade Committee will question Sir Michael on BL's four-year corporate plan which is being financed for the first two years with £990m of public money.

The BL board has said already that a further £150m will be needed to fund developments in 1983 and 1984 and MPs will want to know from Sir Michael whether he expects this sum to come from govern-

this sum to come from government or private sector sources.

BL's results for 1980 are expected to be disclosed on March 20. The losses follow a deficit of £122.2m in 1979 and

has told the Government that

has told the Government that it expects to break even in 1983 and become profitable the following year. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, told the committee two weeks ago that the Government was "appalthe Government was appar-led at the cost to the taxpayer of funding BL. It was hoped that the company would raise future finance from depreciation, profits, the private sector and from collaboration deals with other motor companies. He considered that questions relating to BL's management and future marketing plans

should be addressed to Sir Michael The chairman probably will tell MPs that the company's financial estimates for last year

were disrupted by the continu-ing high sterling exchange rate, which had hit export sales, and by high interest rates. The latter are thought to have cost a profit of £1.7m in 1978. BL BL about £100m last year.

**Technology News** 

### Europe protest over spacecraft cancellation

The European Space Agency (ESA) has protested strongly to the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administracancel an American spacecraft which was to have formed part of a collaborative two-spacecraft

Planned launch date for the project, known as the International Solar Polar Mission (ISPM) was 1985. Cancellation of the satellite was attributed by NASA officials last week to severe spending cuts imposed on NASA in the preparation of the Reagan Administration's federal budget.

At a joint meeting officials of the European agency pro-tested that the cancellation. which was made without conagencies. The cancellation was therefore unacceptable to ESA, which requested full restoration of the programme to its original

level. Unilateral actions of this kind, ESA stressed, would be detrimental to future space cooperation between Europe and the United States.
As a result of the cancella-

rion, European scientists from about 17 research institutes who were supplying experiments for the NASA spacecraft would be unable to fly them. The experiments were already The experiments were already in an advanced stage of development; more than half the total costs had been committed and so would be lost without corresponding scientific return. ESA's board of management resolved to take. "immediate and strong action". This has included asking all ESA member states to protest seainst the ber states to protest against the decision through their ambassa-

dors in Washington. The agency is now awaiting the outcome of The second satellite in the project is being built by a Euro-



Cutting through 13mm steel plate with an abrasive-carrying water jet at Cranfield.

Steel cutting in emergencies

Significant advances in water-jet cutting and cleaning technology have been disclosed in the annual report of the British Hydromecbanics Research
Association (BHRA) at Cranfield. These include the development of an emergency jet-cutting system for North Sea oil and gas production plat-

This project is being carried out by BHRA for British Petroleum. The aim was to design a system which could be used to gain access to closed areas on platforms in an emer-gency, and which would also cut debris to assist in its re-

This steel-curring system will form part of the standard equip-ment on board an emergency support vessel.
The technique which BHRA

by Dornier of West Germany. been developed with support during cutting with the abrasive from the National Research flights is that the two craft would obtain complementary scientific information about the abrasives in a water jet which involves the mixing of cheap abrasives in a water jet which can then be used to cut hard

materials at pressures which are not excessive.

Using this method, 13mm (about half an inch) thick mild steel plate has been cut at speeds greater than 100mm per minute, at a pressure of 690 bar. Tests have indicated that a 50 per cent increase in pressure should enable twice the thickness of material to be cut, assuming a fixed rate of

traverse. To reduce the risk of the abrasive particles generating sparks during the cutting prosparks during the cutting pro-cess, the abrasive is supplied to the cutting head already thoroughly wetted in the form of a slurry. The safe operation of the head has been checked in explosive atmospheres of hydrogen/air and methane/air

in a recent series of trials. As well as steel, these trials included cutting tests on a sandstone known to produce dangerous sparks when cut by conventional mechanical means.

### for Airbus

A demonstration Airbus Industrie A300 aircraft is now flying with a rudder made of carbon fibre reinforced plastic (CFRP) in place of the standard light-alloy structure. Measuring over eight metres long and two metres wide, the new rudder is the largest single carbon-fibre element undergoing trials on the air-

craft at present, Its weight-saving over the conventional metal rudder is 45kg or about 20 per cent. Performance of the unit is be-ing studied in a programme of flight tests, and a second composite rudder is expected to begin in-service testing on a Lufthansa A300 next month. The use of such elements is

part of a weight-saving programme on A310 and A300 airbus aircraft aimed at achieving a higher payload.

and unity From Mr B. Barker Sir, This institute is a good example of the professional insti-

tutions to which the chairman, Southern Electricity, referred (February 20) in his appeal for Kenneth Owen a closer understanding between the public and private sectors of the economy based on their interdependence. Seventy per cent of chartered secretaries work in the private sector and thirty per cent in the public. At our branch meet-

ministers have been asked to consider introducing the scheme as the major feature of its attempts to stimulate small

designed to provide assistance to industrial and commercial companies whose annual turn-over does not exceed £35m and which employ up to 500 work-ers. Loans are issued through Credit National with a minimum life of 15 years and a maximum

scheme is directed especially at developing new products, markets, techniques and the provision of new jobs in areas of high unemployment. The method used in France is to subordinate the Government loan to rank after all other creditors, and thus place it alongside all other shareholders

in a company.

There are repsyment holidays

of up to five years—and an
initially low interest rate.

new industries to areas where the BSC is running down its activities, said yesterday that over the last two years the French Government had provided £80m in participative loans through Credif National to companies in the main French industrial areas.

as the subordinated loan scheme with loans being issued by the Scottish and Welsh Development Agencies, out of their existing financial alloca-

tions.
Funding for the assisted areas of England would be made by another agency, possibly the National Enterprise Board.

He said: "The scheme would not require additional financial provision and it would not replace existing grant schemes. The subordinated loan is not intended as a subsidy but as a financial instrument in its own right."

they are employed—and so are other professional people. We accept the aims which Mr Wedgwood has described and the responsibility which follows from that acceptance. Yours faithfully, B. BARKER, Secretary and Chief Executive, The Institute of Chartered

Secretaries and Administrators, 16 Park Crescent, London, W1N. ment areas

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The affair of the Lloyd's Bill

From Lord Napier and Ettrick at an Sir, The chairman of Lloyd's, Mr Peter Green, has recently written to all the underwriting members of Lloyd's seeking, inter alia, to justify the inclusion of Clause 11 (the legal immunity clause), in the Private Bill shortly to be considered by Parliament.

I was a member of the Sasse Syndicate No 762 at Lloyd's. Mr Green has publicly admitted that "grave irregularities had occurred in the affairs of this occurred in the affairs of this syndicate", and hence the settlement made by Lloyd's. It has been put about in certain sections of the press that this settlement was some kind of rescue operation. It was, of course, nothing of the sort. It was a settlement, offered at the instigation of Lloyd's, out of court. It was accepted by the names concerned, thus saving Lloyd's from the appalling em-Lloyd's from the appalling em-barrassment of the whole fiasco barrassment of the whole hasco coming out in open court—which it would have done, no doubt causing irreparable damage to the good name of Lloyd's throughout the world. As part of the settlement over £6 million was left as "bad underwriting", and this was readily accepted by the one hundred odd names on this particular syndicate. Note of limited liability; what the liti-gants in the Sasse case were questioning was how much of a loss in excess of £21 million was there legal liability?

particular syndicate. None of us denied the principle of un-

meeting of the members in the Albert Half last November by some 99.57 per cent. What was agreed at that meeting, which I attended, was the principle of a new Bill to give Lloyd's powers to better order its own affairs. The details of the Bill were not disclosed until some

time later. I do not believe that any future disgruntled name could ever sue the committee simply for bad underwriting. Lloyd's could only be sued if they had been in breach of their duties, either statutory or contractual, owed to the name. If Lloyd's have behaved properly they have nothing to fear in the courts. On the contrary, they would be vindicated. Of course the position would be different if in fact they have behaved improperly. I do not believe that any

Improperly.

It seems to many of us that Lloyd's are now seeking to place themselves above the law. Should this come to pass, then I believe it would be prudent for every name to reconsider his or her own recities must expectable and the second of the se position most carefully with a view to deciding whether they wish to continue as underwriting members of Lloyd's, and it is, after all, a fact that without the financial backing of the external names, Lloyd's would cease to function.

NAPIER & ETTRICK. House of Lords. February 26.

Lloyd's are now putting From Mr David Charlesworth forward the argument that the Sir, Further to your Business proposed new Bill was approved Diary profile of Lloyd's of

London, I write as an ordin; non-working "external" me ber to record some statist that might put some curre matters in perspective.
The proposal to present the Bill to Parliament, following the Fisher report, was approved

the Fisher report, was approved at an extraordinary gene: meeting of all members 13.219 votes for and 57 again. The association of white Lady Middleton is chairm represents only some 200 atternal members, three-quarte of which presumably voted for the control of the control o of which presumably voted f the Bill in its original form. T majority of the active membe of her committee are new me bers of Lloyd's-in fact t secretary only started und writing last month. Lloy accounts are held open for the years to meet claims, and the is a further delay whilst p ments are made and tax matu dealt with—it is therefore fi years after election that member has seen a compli-cycle of events.

That Parliament is supres is surely accepted by all Lloyd's, but MPs should ne that the so-called body rep that the so-called body rep senting external names has on a membership of 1 per cent such names, and that 99.7 t cent of all members voted 1 the Bill and that the over whelming majority of all members support the presentairman of Lloyd's. Mr Per Green, and his council. I remain, Sir, DAVID CHARLESWORTH,

4 Shaftesbury Mews, Stratford Road, London, W8 6QR. February 25.

### Gas bill complaints

From Mr Raymond J. Hill Sir, The British Union of Social Workers feels that the decision of the Gas Board to impose standing charges on the users of gas meters is yet another blow against the most vulnerable members of our society, and that this is another example of Government inter-ference in the running of nationalized industries specifi-cally designed to kill off those who are likely to make demands

upon other services. The imposition of this charge could mean the difference for the elderly on a fixed income between adequate heating and death from hypothermia. We in the British Union of

Social Workers feel that we must protest against this shortsighted action. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND J. HILL, General Secretary, British Union of Social Workers, 5 Sydney Road, Haringey, London, N8.

February 19. From Mr J. W. Richards Sir, The "robbery" of the gas standing charge referred to by your correspondents; and the

anomaly which enables it to be avoided by the installation of a coin meter, pales into insignificance beside the extortion practised by the British Gas Corporation in applying their charges for certain domestic premises.

I am one of a cooperative of

I am one of a cooperative of six flat owners whose annual gas bill is of the order of £2,000 a year.
One meter serves all flats and we share the bill.

Charges to us are made at the Charges to us are made at the commercial rate of 26.1p per therm. A complaint to North Thames Gas that we should be charged at the domestic rate (24.6p for the first 52 therms and 21.2p thereafter) elicited this reply, "... the British Gas Corporation specify that the "gas supplied under the Domestic Credit Tariff may be used only in a private residence not subdivided into separately occu-

divided into separately occupied parts' and your premises do not qualify for this tariff."

A formal request to the chairman of the British Gas Corporation for an explanation of this irrational and iniquitous ruling

remains unanswered. W. RICHARDS. 17 Palace Gate,

Looking back in amazement From Mr K. Willia Sir, The debate continues on how the revenues from North Sea oil should be spent to the best advantage-let us hope that a sensible and acceptable solution is soon reached.

Meanwhile, I suggest that posterity will look back on this period in our history with amazement and disbelief-disbelief that the Government have failed to utilize this fantastic piece of good fortune for the benefit of our own people and our industry, by accepting a lower level of taxotion on oil

ings and conferences the health service administrator rubs shoulders with the company

secretary and the electricity

board administrator with his opposite number in the indus-trial company which is his customer. This is one of the

many advantages of being pro-

fessionally qualified. In 1980 our qualification was

recognized in the Companies Act as being appropriate for

the secretary of a public limited

company; in 1981 we are being recognized as providing the appropriate qualification for administration in local govern-

We firmly support Mr Wedg-

wood in his view that bridges need to be built and maintained

between the sectors. Why should we be so concerned

ownership? matters is cost effective performance leading to the creation of wealth and jobs. Envious snip-

ing of one at the other can only

At any rate, chartered secre-taries are the same wherever

distract and damage.

THE STATE

Wealth

consumption and passing on the immense benefits of lower prices to the inhabitants of these islands, as the Americans have done for decades.

Not only would we now be enjoying a considerably lower level of inflation, but our industry would be in much better shape, and much more petitive as a result of lower costs and lower prices. Yours faithfully, REG WILLIAMS, Pinetrees. North Road West, Hythe,

February 16.

#### Barclays procedures From Mr Richard G. Hunt

Sir, Mr Ellis's experience probably not unusual. Only few days ago I entered a bran of Barclays Bank to make substantial withdrawal fro Barclaycard. I expected t branch to telephone for auti rization. Almost before I h. signed the voucher, bowever, was asked by the cashier f supporting identification. I c clined, stating that the card a my signature were quite sul cient, After a few minutes the 'phone to Barclayca Centre, the cashier return requesting my address a other information. Reluctan produced a current drivi licence, which was taken aw to the telephone. The cash came back again and asked ? what address the centre had their records, as if the eviden of the driving licence were

sufficient.

I formed the distinct impresion that had I refused provide answers to this interr gation the transaction wou not have been authorized no withstanding availability with my credit limit. I advised the cashier that it was monstro and an affront to my integrit and proceeded to telephor Barclaycard myself. A supvisor indicated that this was routine security measure and cable to all transactions such mine where the customer w not known to the branch. believe that any self-respectius fraudster would not be determine this "routine" procedure. believe also that had I gone several branches with a trar action of, say, £25 at each could possibly have achieve my aim, maybe even witho telephoned authorization. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD G. HUNT, 45 Cumberland Road. Bromley, Kent, BR2 OPL. February 19.

#### THE UNITED STATES AND GENERAL TRUST CORPORATION, LIMITED

The Ninery-first Annual General Meeting of the United States and General Trust Corporation Limited will be held on March 26th in London. The following is comment by the Chairman, Mr. C. K. P.

Nunneley, included in the Report of the Directors which has been circulated to shareholders: The retirement of Bill Merton on 31st December, 1980, after four years as Chairman, leaves a gap which will indeed be difficult to fill. His knowledge, charm and courtesy have been of the greatest value to his colleagues and we will all miss him very much.

His final year was a profitable one for the company's shareholders—remarkably so in the circumstances of the world economy. Against a background of deepening recession, worsening unemployment, spiralling interest rates and high worsening unemployment, spirating interest rates and main inflation, investors appear to have decided that equity investment offered the best hope of maintaining real value. Among the stockmarkets of any size, only that of Belgium failed to show a positive overall return in local currency terms. For a stockmarket of strength of strength of strength of the strength of strength of the strength of the strength of strength of the UK investor, however, the strength of sterling reduced returns from all overseas markets except Japan and in particular, made investment in Continental Europe generally unattractive. In these circumstances your Board have continued to invest the bulk of the company's assets in the UK and the rise of 32.9 per cent in net asset value per share compared favourably with the major indices: the FT Actuaries All Share Index rose by 27.1 per tent, while the Standard and Poor's Composite Index in the USA and the Tokyo New Stock Exchange Index in Japan each rose by 17.0 per cent in sterling terms.

The decision by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to The decision by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to exempt investment trust companies wholly from corporation tax on capital gains from 1st April, 1930, was welcome. By encouraging more active investment policies, and by making the shares more attractive to tax-free institutions, it has been one of the forces behind the reduction of the average discount on investment trust asset values from 33 per cent to 25 per cent during 1980; this improvement was reflected in the price of the Company's ordinary shares.

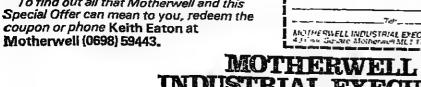
of the Company's ordinary shares.

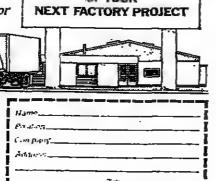
Growth of income has been better than expected. Excluding from the 1979 figures the large non-recurring dividends which were passed on to shareholders as a special payment of 1.68p per share in November, 1979, net revenue available for ordinary shareholders rose by almost 19 per cent in 1980. This enables your Board to recommend a final dividend of 6.50p per share, making 10.5p for the year, which is slightly greater than the total amount of 10.29p per share received by shareholders in 1979, including the special payment, and an increase of 22 per cent in the normal dividend.

The prospects for an increased income in 1981 cannot be said to be encouraging, particularly in the U.S. and any change in our investment policy aimed at raising the overse as percentage of the portfolio could reduce the overall yield. However, your Board see no reason at present why the current dividend should not be maintained.

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- relocating your business, you can't afford to ignore an offer like this. It's so generous only 5 areas in the whole of the U.K. can afford to make it. And, of these, Motherwell is the only one that can claim a central
- position in an important market like Scotland. As if close proximity to Glasgow and Edinburgh, 5 universities, 3 international airports and some of the loveliest countryside in Britain wasn't incentive enough! To find out all that Motherwell and this





OF THE FIXED ASSET COST

INDUSTRIAL EXECUTIVE A central position in an important market

### French-style loan plan urged for small firms

By Peter Hill
The Government is being urged to consider deploying a loan scheme directed at small businesses modelled on a highly successful scheme developed in Sir Keith Joseph and other

business investment and growth.
A number of other EEC countries are considering similar schemes and consideration of a similar venture is being studied by the Reagan Administration in the United

French scheme is

Sir Charles Villiers, chairman of .BSC (Industry) the corpor-

ation's job creation subsidiary, which faces an enormous task in promoting the attraction of

Sir Charles has suggested to ministers that if the scheme was adopted in the United Kingdom it could be described

financial instrument in its own right."

The loan would constitute a cumulative redeemable preference share and it would offer some competition to banks and other City institutions in their growing plans for capital investment in small companies.

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Sir Charles has suggested that the use of subordinated loans should be restricted to develop-

### AID Group akes stock after first public year

By Our Financial Staff
Allied International Design Group, which came to market a year ago, makes part of its profits from suggesting new products for others. It is the principal growth offshot of a four-arm group that takes in corporate image making, design and market research.



Mr James Pilditch, chairman of Allied Industrial Design group.

It has already suggested that Limmits, the slimming biscuit maker, could expand with an aerosol spray called Spray and Fry which coassfood in fat.
Some 15 months ago it suggested other DIY products for Rawplug and further steel-related products for Sheffield cutters Viners.

Mr James Pilditch, chairman of AID, says that companies that have an excellent name restrict themselves to only one product and need suggestions on the way to exploit the name with other goods. For that they pay AID Group between £60,000 and £120,000 in fees.

This sort of innovation by its six-man ream, of a total staff of

85, pushed profits for the seven months to the end of last October to £46,500 against a loss of £58,000 in the whole

of 1979. AID Group came to the 163(2) market and it now on the Un-listed Securities Market, via a reverse takeover of the United Rubber & Coffee Plantations

(1932). To give some comparison of the group's progress, AID has produced figures which show the contributions of its two

But the group is paying no dividend. Owing to a £60,000 adverse balance on the revenue reserve of United Rubber, the group is precluded from a pay-

It says that it intends to re-commend a dividend this year, although it has yet to decide if this will begin at the interim stage in April or the full year

#### Smith Whitworth and Vickers settle claim

Smith Whitworth's litigation with Vickers over the sale of Roevac Automation has been concluded at a total cost of £110,000.

Vickers made a total claim in August 1978 of more than £400,000, but the claim has been settled by payment of £40,000 relating solely to a shortfall in the net asset position as warranted at completion. The steel fabrication and textile machinery group added that 170,000 of irrecoverable costs have resulted from the litiga-

Before the action a sum in excess of the final settlement was paid into court and there will be no material effect on the future liquidity or earnings of the company.

### Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	14%
Barclays	14%
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Consolidated Crdts	14%
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### Payout cut as profit slumps at Blagden & Noakes

By Margareta Pagano dend payment are reported by Blagden & Noakes, the steel drum, plastics and chemicals manufacturer, whose biggest customer is ICI.

Group profits dropped to 52.5m in the year to December against a record £5.65m last time. Sales fell to £60.2m from £61.25m. The final dividend

161.25m. The final dividend has been cut from 6.71p gross last year to 4.28p, making a total for the year of 8.5p gross against 11p. The shares tumbled 5p to 98p on the news yesterday.

Although the steel strike affected trading in the first half, the real decline came last spring when at one time demand was down by 35 per cent for the group's steel drum products, Mr Jack Noakes, the chairman, said, In the first six months the group made pretax profits of £2.09m leaving only £500,000 profits reported in the second half. second half

The reduction in demand for steel drums, about half of total sales, and plastic mouldings for the motor industry continued through the year. Trading profits from drum manufacture were down to £1.3m against £3m, and plastic mouldings lower at £856,000 compared with £1.6m

More than halved pretax introduced in many plants and dend payment are continues in specific concerns, and over the year some 200 redundancies were made from the workforce of 2,000. Results include \$185,000 for redundancy payments.

Mr Noakes said the main reason for the reduction in profits is the pressure on margins from rising costs, Sales figures for the second half in-clude \$1.6m from Cargill Blugden. now B & N Chemicals, where the group bought out the 75 per cent of the equity it did not own for 1500,000. Its contribution to profits was small.

The chemicals division saw the chemicals division saw sales slightly ahead at £13.8m but trading profit lower at £446,000 against £613,000. Improvement is looked for from the new £1.5m formaldehyde plant—making resins, fertilizers and disinfectants—which is expected to open on schedule in May and should boost the division in the second half of the sion in the second half of the

Mr Noakes says that some trading areas have shown sparks of recovery, the result of the end of destocking. In recent months demand for steel drums appears to have stabilized. Otherwise, he said, the outlook for the year was impossible to

### William Press to form new holding company

By Catherine Gunn

The directors of construction group William Press & Sons are to form a new group holding company under the William Press name, in order to separate group management from the trading subsidiaries, and pave the way for future expansion abroad.

Shareholders of William Press & Sons are to be offered one fully paid 10p share in the new holding company, William Press Group for every two 5p shares they now held. The company is also offering to buy back its outstanding bufference and loan stocks for buy back its outstanding preference and loan stocks, for a total cost of £1.2m.

the contributions of its two sequisitions during the period, on an annualized basis.

That gives a pretax profit of E205,000 against £100,000 on a turnover of £1.6m against £1.2m.

Freterence stareholders are being offered 730 a share. Holders of the 6? per cent loan stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and holders of the 8 per cent loan stock get £33.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £33.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £35.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £35.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £35.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £35.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock get £35.50 for every £100 of nominal shape of the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock, and the same stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of stock will get £86.50 cash for every £100 nominal of sto £100 of nominal they own.

A second interim dividend will be paid to shareholders in August, in place of William Press & Sons's final dividend for 1980, Preference and loan stock holders will receive and stock holders will receive all interest due to them at the completion date, which should be some time in mid-May, Mr William Hawken, the chairman, said yesterday. Details will be posted to shareholders in mid-March.

Mr Hawken said the com-pany would like to expand its interests in energy production shares they now held. The company is also offering to buy back its outstanding preference and loan stocks, for a total cost of £1.2m.

Preference shareholders are being offered 73p a share. Holders of the £1 per cent loan.

in the Chancery Division of the High Court. Proceedings taken against the company by the Inland Revenue over PAYE payments come to court on April 27.

### Prince of Wales group acquires Variety Inns

By Our Financial Staff
The Southport-based Prince
of Wales Hotels group yesterday revealed it has a conditional contract to purchase the private Variety line group for a total of 1955,000 in a mixture

of shares and cash payments.

The group, which operates hotels in Southport, the Lake District, Brighton and elsowhere, announced yesterday that it had acquired the whole of the issued share capital of or the issued share capital of Arnos Court hotel in Bristol and the Cambridge Hotel in Camberley, and also holds 75 per cent of the issued capital of Martins Taverns which operates the Crown lun in Cheltenham.

The total consideration is £955,000. Some £617,000 is to f955,000. Some £617,000 is to be paid by the allotment to that yendors of 950,000 new ordinary shares—representing 19 per cent of the enlarged share capital. Three loan notes of £233,000 guaranteed by the County Bank and redeemable in 1982, and a cash payment of £103.500 make the the redeemable with the redeemake the redee £104,500 make up the re-

The share price jumped 8p to 83p on the news.

payments for the year were 2.44p gross. This compared with £504,000 profits in the previous year. The last accounts showed property revaluation of fixed

Chester, Harrogate, Brighton, and two apiece in Southport and the Lake District.

Mr C. Martins, the managing director of Martins Taverns, holds the remaining 25 per cent stake in that group.

### Massive sugar project opens

One of the world's most ambitious agricultural under-takings, the Kenana sugar project in Sudan, was officially opened yesterday. After 10 years of frustrated development, the plantation hopes soon to be producing 150,000 tonnes of sugar a year.

The scheme should make Sudan, a country with severe balance of payments difficulties, self-sufficient in sugar. It is seen in the Arab world as part of a long-term programme to furn the Sudan into the "bread basket" of the Middle East.

But over the last decade costs have soared. The refining plant,

### same time, the composition of

originally costed at £52m, has in fact taken £281m. At the the shareholders has changed.
Lonrho, the British trading
company with extensive African
agricultural interests, once had
49 per cent but now has less
than 1 per cent.

International

### **Incheape offshoot improves**

Pretax profits of Inchcape Berhad, the Singapore sub-sidiary of Inchcape & Co of London, rose 4-from \$69,000 (Singapore) to \$110,000 (£23,000) in the year to December 31. Turnover rose from \$984,500 to

The improvement comes in the main from greater penetra-tion of the buoyant car market by the Inchcape Berhad Motor

In view of the difficult trading conditions in the territories in group pretax profits in the in which Incheape Berhad six months to December 31, to in which Incheape Berhad operates, 1981 is expected to be a difficult year. However, subject to the timber market showing some revival before the end of the year and providing there is no substantial upward movement of the yen, the directors said they believed that the results for 1981 would continue

to be satisfactory.

### TNT up 24 pc in first half

Net profits of Thomas Nation-wide Transport of Australia Transport Industries and also rose by 24.5 per cent to from McIlwraith McEacharn. A\$25.9m (£13.6m) in the six Profits from Australia and months to December 31. Turn-the United Kingdom were Profits from Australia and the United Kingdom were better, those from Canada and New Zealand were steady while

### Syntex sharply higher

Earnings of Syntex Corporation of Palo Alto, California, rose by 32 per cent to \$47.8m (£21.9m) in the six months to January 31 on sales 25 per cent higher at \$344.2m.

Human pharmaceuticals and diagnostic assay systems were primarily responsible for re-

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## A\$385.6m the year before. Sir Peter Abeles, the chief executive, said that the increase in profits was assisted by addi-

period last year.

cord second quarter sales of \$175.7m, the company said. Sales of naproxen, an anti-inflammatory drug, and nap-roxen sodium, an analgesic, reached \$56.2m worldwide during the quarter-a 33 per cent increase over combined sales of \$42.1m in the same

### **Business appointments**

### Glynwed Foundries board has two new directors

Two new managing directors at Glynwed Foundries are: Mr Jeffrey Berastein, director, who has been promoted to managing director of the company's building products division and Mr Harry T. Creffield, formerly director and general manager of the automotive and engineering castings division, who becomes managing director of that division. Mr Kenneth Gaskell has been made director of the National Coal Board's Road Transport Service. He was previously commercial manager of the service and succeeds Mr E. V. Molyneux who is to retire.

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Mr Dennis S. Oliver has become a member of the board of Anglo-American Venture Fund.

Mr Brian Thomas has been made deputy managing director of Treete: Acoustics.

Mr Kri H. Lurz is now finance director, and tomposay secretary management development.

director and company secretary ment

Mr Mack Dumas has become a

responsible for Group coffee interests.

Mr David G. Wrightson has been made a non-executive director of Matthews Wrightson Underwriting and Matthews Wrightson Pubrook.

Mr Froderick C. Jeffery has joined the board of the Reliance Manual Insurance Society.

Mr George Law has horome a

### Low and Bonar can clinch £4m deal

Approval has now been given by the Canadian Foreign Invest-ment Review Authority for the CS11m (54m) cash deal by which the Low and Bonar group, of Dundee, which operates internationally in packaging, engineering, textiles and travel, will buy the 45 per cast minerity international parties. cont minority interest of Benis Company Inc. of Minneapolis, United States, in their jointly-owned Western Canadian

Packaging Company.
The deal will put all Low and Bonar's £32m 14-plant Canadian packaging network into one company, Bonar Packaging. It will strengthen the Group's

North American operation.

In 1979 the group established a new packaging plant ic.

Georgia for the manufacture and distribution of bulk con-

mainder.

The three properties, all leasehold, were valued in December 1980 at £1.6m, including fixtures and fittings. The addition of the hotels brings the Prince of Wales' total number of hotels to 11 and two public

Mr Arnold Clayman, chairman, said yesterday that together Variety Inos and Martins Taverns would contribute significantly to the group's earnings. First, however, the group would be able to make substantial savings in head office administration and directors' payments. The strong cash flow from Variety Inns, particularly in the winter months, would henefit the group's own cash flow position, he said.

The last year's results to December 1979 showed pretax profits of £471,000 on turnover of £5.4m, The total dividend payments for the year were Mr Arnold Clayman, chair-

ssets giving a surplus of £1.17m.

The Prince of Wales group's other hotels are in Blackpool,

holders. Saudi Arabian and Kuwalti interests, including members of the Kuwalti ruling family, hold about 57 per cent of the equity. Most of the rest is in the hands of the Sudan government, with less than 1 per cent held by the Japanese company Nissho Iwai.

After Lonrho pulled out because it could not raise the export finance, the plant engineering was taken over by Technip, a French company. Nissho Iwai supplied the plant's power station. The plant is designed to run on waste material from sugar cane.

#### Hume Industries

Hume Industries (Malaysia) recorded a 77.3 per cent rise six months to December 31, to

11.4m ringgits (£2.3m).

Riding the Malaysian construction boom, the construction materials concern suw sales surge 115.6 per cent to 109.2m ringgits. The interim dividend was left unchanged at 6 per cent despite the company's enlarged capital compared with the year-earlier period.

#### Credit Suisse up 14 pc

Credit Suisse, one of the three largest banks in Switzerland, has reported a 14 per cent rise in net profits for 1980. Ner pro-fits were 281m francs (£65m) and net aggregate assets rose by 8.2 per cent to 63,500m francs. The board has described the results as "satisfactory". Union Bank of Switzerland, another of the big three, recently announced net profits of 334.1m francs, a 15.1 per cent increase on 1979.

#### Bank Hapoalim

Bank Hapoalim, Israel's second largest bank, has ended 1980 with a 21.2 per cent rise in its balance sheet to \$17,000m. Net consolidated profits for the year rose from \$56.9m to \$84.7m.

of Interlube Systems, a member of the Tecalemit Group of Com-panies. director of E. D. & F. Man. He is chairman of E. D. & F. Man (Coffee) and will continue to be responsible for Group coffee

H. Larkins, liquidators, said that complex matters remain and although progress has been made towards their clarification it is not yet possible to forecast how soon or to what extent the provisions for contingent lia-bilities can be released.

The first cash distribution to shareholders was in 1979 at the same time as Gosforth Industrial Holdings acquired the non-nationalized parts of the group. Sugar supply less

tight than expected? E. D. and F. Man, the sugar dealer, has reported that sugar supply in the current season has been less tight than anticipated, due to reduced consumption and another excellent EEC

can be made, or when the ing, it said noting that prices liquidation will be complete, for 1982 deliveries are close to Mr P. W. Burrows and Mr B. 20 cents, while nearer positions for 1982 deliveries are close to 20 cents, while nearer positions have fallen some 50 per cent in the past 16 weeks.

#### Pretoria Portland cancels UK listing

Pretoria Portland Cement, the South African building meterial maker, has cancelled its listing on the London Stock Exchange. The company, only 2 per tent of whose share-holders are resident in the United Kingdom, said last month that it would apply for de-listing.

#### NCC Energy in US Housekeeping

NCC Energy and Ni-Cal Developments report that Ni-Cal's United States subsi-No further payment

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tion and another extends Elso Al-Lais United States Substitution. Man, in a report dated February, California Nickel Corporation, has signed a contract with Kaiser Engineers Inc for the completion of a final feasibility study for the development of a \$250m strategic

minerals complex in Northern

NCC Energy's acquisition of a further 339,649 shares of Ni-Cal's common stock has been approved by shareholders and Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, chairman of NCC Energy, has been appointed to the board of Ni-Cal Developments.

#### Allied Textile's

qualified accounts Allied Textile Companies, the Yorkshire worsted spinner, has had its accounts qualified has had its accounts quarted by accountants Armitage & Norton who were unable to verify a £250,000 provision for further estimated rationalization costs. Allied has taken a cautious attitude towards parts of the business whose future is uncertain accounting for them uncertain, accounting for them on a break-up rather than going

concern basis.
Allied, which showed cash and investments of £5.2m in the balance spect, says there is no sign of an improvement in trad-

### Preliminary Results from Royal Insurance

#### PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR 1980

The profit before taxation was £122.5m (1979 £131.5m). This compares with the forecast of £120m made last December at the time of the rights issue. Net profit attributable to stockholders was \$70.2m. The comparative figure for 1979 is \$73.8m being the net profit before the addition of the special long-term insurance profit item relating to 1975/78. As forecast at the time of the rights issue, the recommended final dividend is 14.75p per 25p unit of stock making a total for the year of 24.0p (1979 21.5p) -an increase of 11.6 per cent.

The audited accounts are due to be published on 21st April 1981. Preliminary unaudited figures for the year 1980, with the comparable figures for the year 1979, are as follows :-

General Insurance: Premiums Written	Year 1980 Em 1,241.6	Year 1979 Em 1,225.1
Underwriting Result Investment Income Long-term insurance profits Share of Associated Companies' profit	-40.4 145.7 10.0 6.2	-16.5 133.0 7.7 7.3
Profit before taxation Less: Taxation Minority interests	122.5 51.5 0.8	131.5 56.8 0.9
Net profit after taxation and minorities  Balance after tax of stockholders' long-term insurance profits 1975/78	70.2	73.8 7.2
Net profit attributable to the stockholders	70.2 (46.6p) 41.7 (24.0p)	81.0 (53.9p) 32.4 (21.5p)
Transfer to retained profits	28.5	48.6

#### **EXCHANGE RATES**

In the above figures, foreign currency has been translated according to our normal practice at approximately the average rates of exchange ruling during the period. The principal rates were :-

USA	\$2.33	\$2.12
Canada	\$2.72	\$2.49
Netherlands	Fis 4.63	Fls 4.26
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Premiums written in 1980 have been depressed in sterling terms in comparison with 1979 due to movements

n exchange rates. The underlying premium growth was & per cent. The effect of changes in exchange rates in the comparison of the year's results was to depress the profit before taxation by £5.3m; the underwriting result benefited by £4.3m, but the investment income was adversely affected by £9.6m. The underlying growth in investment income was 17.6 per cent.

#### UNDERWRITING RESULTS

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	Year 1980	Year 197
	£m	£m
USA	-16.1	-8.2
UK and Irish Republic	10.4	5.6
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Verherlands	4.3	5.1
Australia	-8.5	-4.0
Other Overseas	-5.4	-0.1
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In the United States our very important commercial multi-peril business again produced a profit, though considerably lower than in 1979. In all other major lines there were losses, in most cases larger than in 1979.

Workers' compensation and personal motor business, however, showed reduced losses. In the United Kingdom there was again a satisfactory underwriting result. Almost all major lines of business were profitable. Property results benefited from the generally favourable weather conditions and the reduction in the industrial fire damage costs in the second half of the year. The liability underwriting experience

was adversely affected by the substantial increase in average claims costs. In Canada as a result of the very difficult market conditions obtaining throughout the year, brought about by intense competition and the consequent absence of rate increases, all major lines with the exception of

liability made losses. In the Netherlands the satisfactory result for the year was due to the continued profitability of the large motor account. There were underwriting losses on most other lines.

In Australia, market conditions remained difficult and there were heavy underwriting losses in most major lines with a particularly marked deterioration in workers' compensation. In Other Overseas the sharply increased underwriting loss reflects the worsening market conditions in

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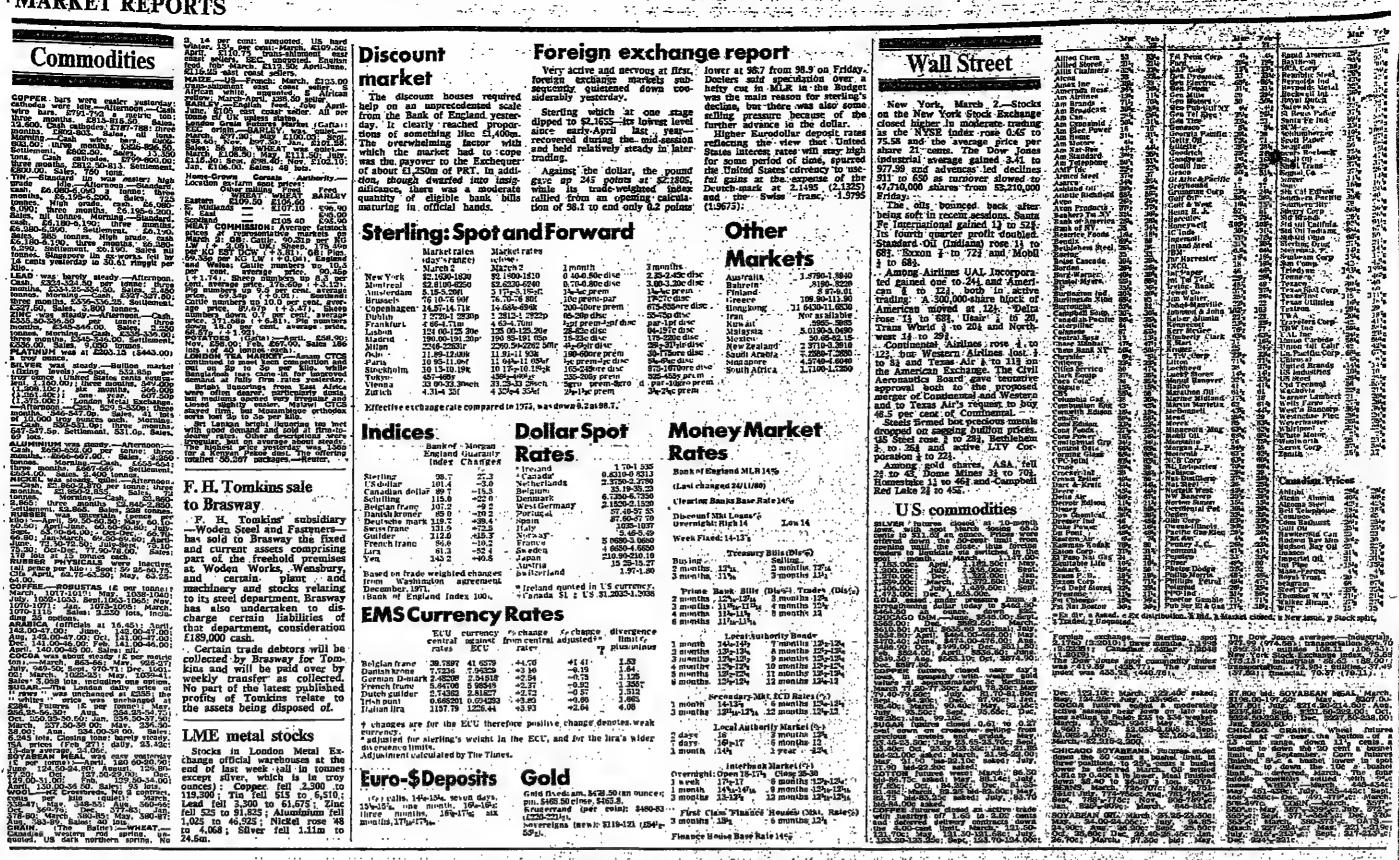
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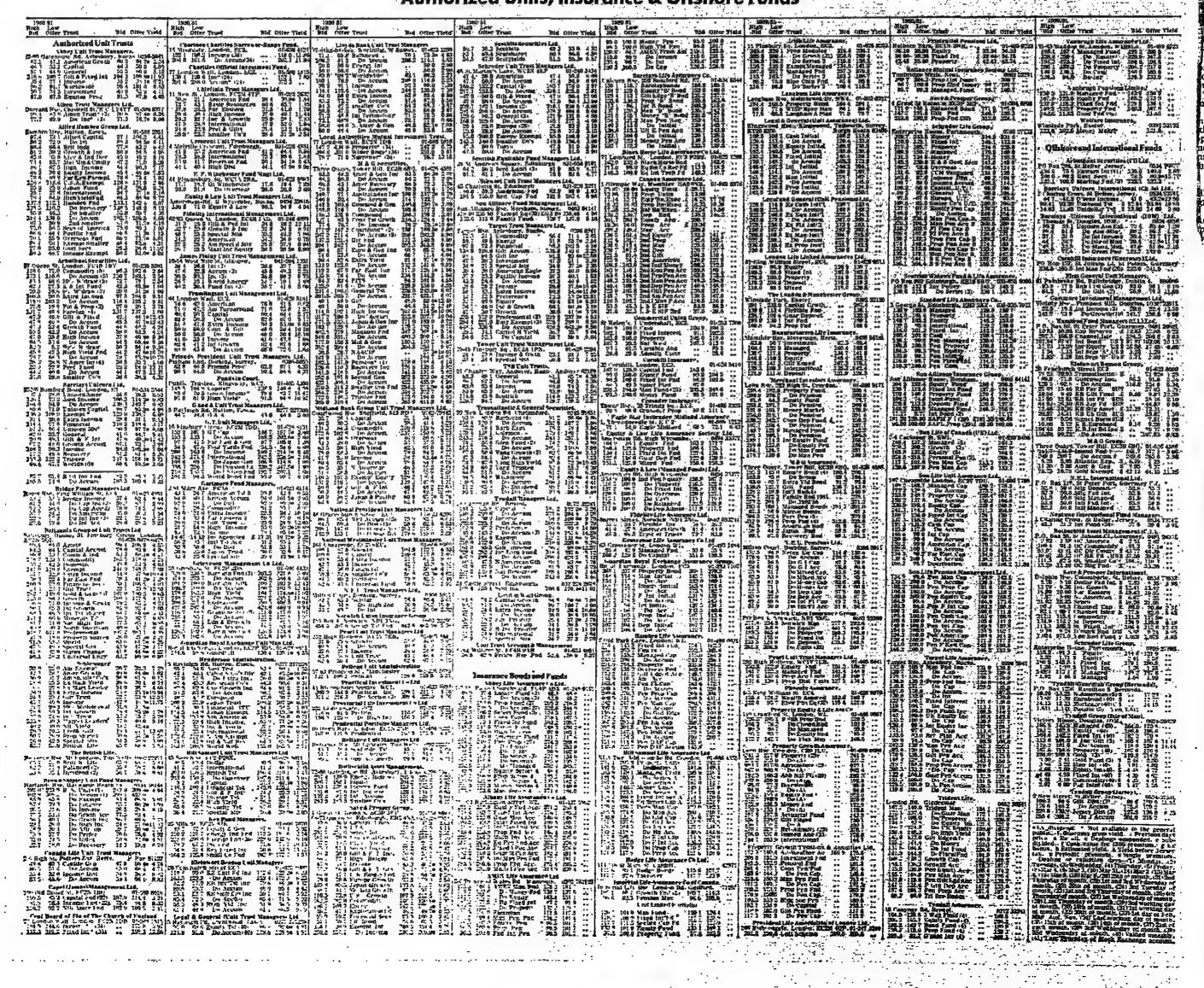
The directors propose to recommend to the stockholders that at the annual general meeting, to be held on 14th May 1981, a final dividend be declared of 14.75p per 25p unit of stock to be paid on 22nd May 1981. This dividend will be payable on the capital as increased by the rights issue to stockholders registered at the close of business on 24th April 1981. This together with the interim dividend of 9.25p already paid will make a total distribution of 24.0p per unit of stock for the year 1980 compared with 21.5p for 1979. With the addition of stockholders' tax credit the equivalent "gross" dividend for the year at the current rate of tax is 34.29p.

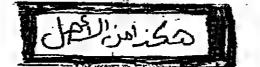


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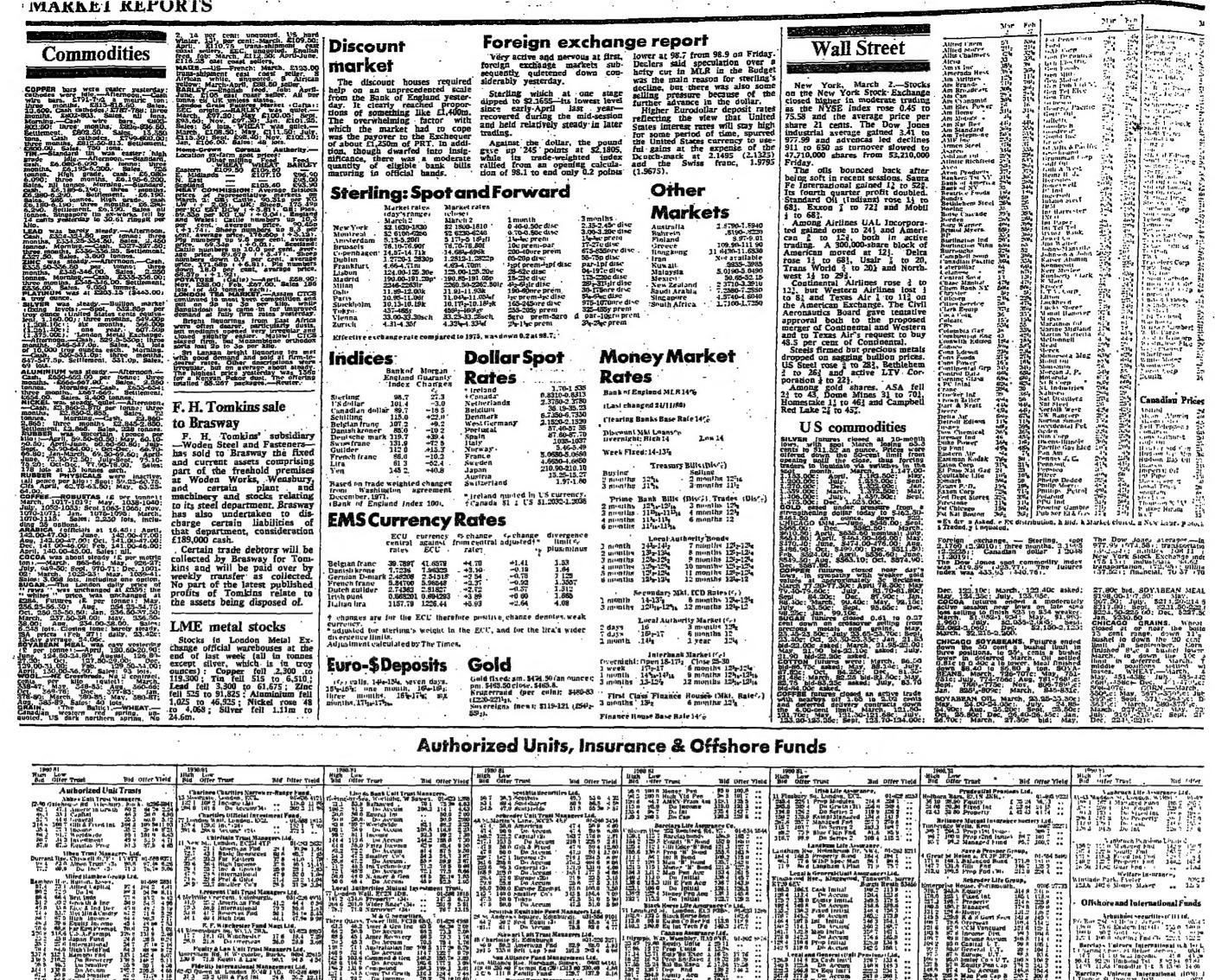
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Diana Rigg as the bored and beautiful Hedda with Denis Lill her adoring husband George in tonight's ITV produc-tion of Ibsen's masterpiece, Hedda Gabler (9.30)

• Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill-Norton continues his Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill-Norton continues his seven-part series on the ships of the Royal Navy with a look at the history and modern-day role of the once-formidable gumboat in tonight's edition of Seapower (BBC 1, 7.40). Since the days when "sending a gumboat" was our answer to any problem concerning British sovereignty and the mere presence of one of these ships quickly quelled an uprising the role of this type of ship has become, to quote Lord Hill-Norton, "the maritime policeman on the beat". The beat nowadays is around the coasts of Great Britain and in the programme we join HMS. type of ship has become, to quote Lord Hill-Norton, "the maritime policeman on the beat". The beat nowadays is around the coasts of Great Britain and in the programme we join HMS Anglesey on its policing job as an off-shore patrol vessel of the Fishery Protection Squadron receiving its orders not from the Admiralty, but the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Reminders of past heroic deeds are shown in film clips of the Amethyst during the famous Yangtse Incident and the American vessel Panay being strafed and sunk, by accident, according to the perpetrators, Japan. Happily, my criticism of Lord Hill-Norton's delivery in his first programme, which produced a number of letters leaping to his defence, does not apply this evening because he comes over in a more relaxed way.

The collie and his shepherd master again show off their sometimes telepathic relationship when One Man and his Dog (BBC 2, 9.50 pm) returns to our screens for a fifth series. The beautiful Mallean Mountain is the setting for this eight programme competition and the first competitors for this coveted championship hail from Scotland. The three shepherds and their dogs each have to control seven sheep and points are scored for various manoeuvres performed by the collie with only his intelligence and his masters call to guide him. The programme should be required viewing for all town dwellers who hanker for the country life.

To mark the 190th anniversary of his birth Radio 4 presents a portrait of Ernest Bevin entitled The Squat Goalie (7.50 pm). In the programme Anthony Howard, with the help of the memories and voices of leading politicians, trade unionists and in one case an actor, Peter Ustinov, reassesses the career of this giant of a man who overcame a humble background to hecome the leader of the largest trade union and, to some, the greatest Foreign Secretary of the century.

the career of this grant of a man who overtame a number background to become the leader of the largest trade union and, to some, the greatest Foreign Secretary of the century. The curious title of the programme is a description of him by John J. McCloy, a former Military Governor of Germany.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: STEREO; \*BLACK AND WHITE;

### **Broadcasting Guide**

**Edited by Peter Dear** 

New Zealand.

5.40 News read by Kenneth Kendall. 5.55 Regional news magazines. 6.20 Nationwide. Included tonight is The Fun of the Fair in which Bob Wellings tries out the stocks at Alawick, Northumber-land.

6.45 Rolf Harris Carloon Time. Four cartoons featuring Tom and Jerry and Bugs Bunny. 7.15 Taxl. American comedy series about the drivers and passengers of the Sunshine Cab Company of New York.

4.50 Open University: Search and Rescue. 5.15 Potsdam 1: The

6.40 am Open University: Insect Diversity. 7.05 Quantum Theory and Atomic Structure. 7.30 Your Own Optics Laboratory. Closedown news in French 9.35 Maris, 9.57
Language development for young
children. 10.15 Look and Read.
10.38 Religious and Moral Education. 11.00 Watch. H.17 Television
Club. 11.38 The Merchant of
Venice discussed. 12.05 pm Nixon
and the Real War.
12.45 News.

.00 Pebble Mill at One. Today the programme launches an appeal to raise £10,000 to provide a "Fun-decker Playbus" for disabled hildren. In addition there will be

children. In addition there will be the regular weekly feature Family Matters in which domestic problems are discussed by a team of experts. 1.45 Figeon Street. 2.00 You and Me. For four and five year olds (r):
2.14 For Schools; Colleges: German Conversation. 2.40 Home Economics. Closedown at 3.00.
3.20 Pobol y Cwm. Welsh serial.
3.55 Pay School (shown earlier on BBC 2). 4.20 Secret Squirrel; Cartoon adventures of a nutloving detective (r). 4.25 Jarkanshine Cab Company of New York.
7.40 Seapower. In the third of his series Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton discusses the role of the modern Gamboat (see Personal Choice). 8.10 When the Beat Comes In. Jack Ford is asked to secure an Argentinian contract to build a warship at the shipyard as Gallowshield.

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6.46 am Open University: Charles Rennie Mackintosh. 7.05 Motion: Newton's Laws. 7.30 Santa Maria del Popolo. Closedown at 7.55.

10.00 Ensiness World. For people who run their own small business (r). Closedown at 10.25.

11.00 Play School. The story today is Ann Reay's The House with Golden Windows and the programme is presented by Lesley Nightingale and Christopher Bramwell. 11.25 Speak for Yourself. Assistance for people who have difficulty speaking English. This morning the subject is Getting the Landlord to do Repairs (r). Closedown at 11.50.

2.30 Roads to Conflict. Part eight in a series of ten programmes explaining the causes of the Arab/israeli dispute (r). 3.00 Propagnate with Facts. A series of ite programmes about the cinema and public opinion in the 1940s. Part three: Today's Crisis . (r).

3.30 A Child's Flace, The third of

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9.30 am For Schools : Maths con-

cepts for the young; 9.47 Eastern Orthodox Christianity; 10.04 The origins and development of pop

music; 10.26 Exploring Scotland's River Dee with Bill Grundy; 10.48 A-level chemistry; 11.05 Maths for seven to nine years olds; 11.22 Elementary science; 11.39 Leisure and the work ethic.

12.00 Jamle and the Magic Torch : Adventures of a young boy and his

Adventures of a young boy and his pet dog (r).

12.10 pm Pipkins: Puppets for children; 12.30 The Sullivans: World War Two drama series about an Australian family.

1.00 News read by Peter Sissons : 1.20 Thames News with Robin Houston.

1.30 Crown Court: Continuing the case of the hair-restoring practitioner accused of obtaining 275 by deception (r); 2.00 After Noon

doner accused of obtaining 1/5 by deception (r); 2.00 After Noon Fins: Following last week's programme when two marriage guidance counsellors gave their opinion of marriage in the 80s, an invited studio audience has a chance to ask the two. Ann Hooper

from grub to grave (r).

6.55 News including a sub-titled sypopals for the hard-of-hearing.

7.05 Film: Apache (1954) starring Burt Lancaster and Jean Peters: Lancaster plays Massal, an Arache who refuses to submit when his leader, Geronimo, surrenders.

8.30 Russell Harty. His guests this evening are Lyan Seymour who will dance a specially choreographed rock number and American comedienne Elaine Stritch,

9.00 Pot Black. The last two games and Philip Hodson, questions arising from the discussion.

2.45 The Mailens: Another episode

after 28 years and promptly disowns her.
4.15 Dr Smuggles: Cartoon adventures of an old inventor; 4.20
Take a Chance: Another episods in the chequered history of a theatrical boarding house grandly called the Rose Marie Hotel; 4.45
Acc Reports: Live news and action for pre-treangers with Sharron Davies. Bob Goody, Brian Jacks and Wayne Laryea; 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Will Joe Sugden survive if Richard Anstey goes shead with his plans for a beef herd?
5.45 News; 6.00 Thames News with Andrew Gardner and Ritz Carter.

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6.25 Help I with Viv Taylor Gee:
News about social projects and community action.
6.35 Crossroads; 7.00 Looks Familiar: Denis Norden with guests Chesney Allen, Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch wallow in nos-

9.00 News read by Jan Leeming 9.00 News read by Jan Leagung.
9.25 Play: Sorry by Carol Bunyan.
Nicholas Ball Stars in this play
about a working day in the life of
two lady colleagues in an office.
11.05 Omnibus: Punch and Judy.
A film that traces the Punch
character from Piccial to the present day. 11.50 News headlines.

Regions

ory. Sherrie Hewson reads from the novel by Docothy Edwards. A Strong and Willing Girl. 4.40 Isla and the Farm on the Hin. The first of five programmes describing what life is like at different times of the year on a Welsh hill farm. Presented by Isla St Clair (r). 5.05 Newsround with Paul McDowell. 5.10 Children of Fire Mountain. A new thirteen part adventure serial based in 1900 New Zealand.

Higgins plays Jim Wych.

9.50 One Man and his Dog. The
first heat in a new competition
for the Television International
Sheepdog Championship. On the
trials source at Cilycum in midWales three Scots and their dogs
each have to control seven sheep
(see Remonal Choice).

10.30 The Ride of the Valkyzie\*.
A sad Hrite silent film about
disaster-prone opera singer (Zero
Mostel) trying desperately to get
to Covent Garden from Heathrow.
With Frank Thornton and Julia
Foster. 4.50 Open University: Search and Rescue. 5.15 Potsdam 1: The Meeting.
5.40 A Night Out\* (1915) Starring Charlie Chaplin and Ben Turpin. 6.10 Maggie. Part five of a serial based on Joan Lingard's Maggie books about a young Scots girl and her family, 6.35 Don't. A film following the life of a butterfly, from grub to grave (r).

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11:30 Today in Parliament.

Foster:

10.45 Newsnight, An analysis of the news that made today's head-lines plus the letest news 28 it comes in,

11.30 International Bowls. High-lights of the first semi-final in the World Indoor Bowls. Championship from the Coatbridge Bowling Club, Scotland: The programme ends at 12.05 am.

and variety acts of the Thirties and Forties.
7.30 Bogsor: The beginning of a new murder mystery for the reluctant hero of the Department of Trade: In this case he joins the staff of the Daily Globe when their gossip columnist is found-dead; 8.00 Robin's Nest: Comedy series contrad on a histon for

9.00 News.
9.30 Play: Hedda Gabler by Henrick Ibsen starring Diana Rigg.
This is possibly lisen's finest play.
It has been adapted for television by John Osborne and is the story of a rich, bored woman who thirsts

Radio 4 6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Teday. 5.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7,30, 8.30 Headlines. 6.55 ani Weather. 10.30 Funny You Should Ass. 7.00 News. 71.00 Brian Manthew: 2.60 am-5.00 7.65 Records: Gershwin, Granados. .: You and the Night and the Music.f 10.00 News. 10.02 From Our Own Correspon-8.05 Records Wagner, Dyorak Radio 1 11.00 News. 11.05 Play: Urn, by Henry Livings. 11.35 Whithie. 12.03 News.

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